THETIMES

Mrs Thatcher stands firm on steel strike

The Government is still refusing to be drawn into negotiations for settling the steel strike although Mrs Margaret Thatcher and ministers yesterday had talks with executives of the BSC and leaders of the two main steel unions.

Cabinet refuses to divert funds

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The Government last night put responsibility for ending the state steel strike firmly back in the hands of union leaders and the British Steel Corporation through the brokerige of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service

Acas officials were in touch with both sides after cordial but unproductive talks between leaders of the two main steel unions and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, flauged by her employ-ment and industry ministers, in Downing Street yesterday.

It was made plain to the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and the National Union of Blastfurnacemen that the Cabinet would not make any extra money available to the industry, or sanction any change of use in the £450m public funding for 1980-81 so that it could be used to finance a wage settlement.

After a further session of talks between the Prime Minister and top executives of British Steel, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said the meetings had been useful in showing the limits within which the industry had to work.

"I do not think any of us nught to expect dramatic moves in the next day or two", he added. "There must be a period of quiet consideration and dis-To cussion between Acas and the other parties." But while the conciliation

service is likely to reopen its peace initiative, calm is not the keynote of trade union deliherations over the next few days. The umbrella Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, which brings together all the striking steel unions, meets this morning to consider the rebuff it has received at the hands of ministers and BSC alike over pay and plant closures.

Tomorrow the TUC General Council will be recommended

Optimism

over Tito

-condition

From Dessa Trevisan

President Tito's general condition was said to be good today after the amputation of his left leg yesterday.

to four days. For a man of President Tito's age, the uncer-

His stamina and remarkable

power of recovery gave rise to

autious oprimism that he

rould withstand the shock of

esume an active life. In recent

years he has shown no signs of slackening pace and has travelled widely in the country,

as well as across the world, almost continuously. This must

sion get on with the job of governing Yugoslavia.

of his personality would con-

The succession arranged on the basis of an annual rotation of both the state and party presidencies, is meant to create

theless, some officials wield

greater personal authority of their own. Dr Vladimir Bakaric,

the Croatian leader, who is one

of the four officials with a seat in both the state and party

presidencies, is certainly one

Soviet and American views.

How vulnerable is Yugoslavia?

Tax allowances

One effect of last year's 17.2

parried pensioner £2.45 and for single pensioner £1.54.

to increase

of them.

leadership of equals. Never-

obviously stop.

If he recovers he might exert his influence and let the institutions provided for his successions are not to the control of the control of

This brought a measure of optimism but the President, who is 87, is not out of danger ver as the period regarded as critical is said to cover three

tainty may last another three to four weeks.

Belgrade, Jan 21

Iran says Russians are 'serious danger'

UNIVERSITY OF MADAN AND LIDRARY

> Tehran, Jan 21.—Mr Sadeq Qotbzadeh, the Iranian Foreign Minister, said last night that Soviet troops in Afghanistan were 30 kilometres (18 miles) from the Iranian frontier and posing a serious danger to tran's south-eastern province of Sistan and Baluchistan.

He said after a regular meet-ing of the ruling Revolutionary Council: "We cannot accept this danger." Iran could not

this danger." Iran could not remain silent in the face of a threat to its frontier region.

Mr Qotbzadeh said he was concerned that the Soviet Union might one day invoke its treaty of 1921 with Iran, whereby Moscow has the right to intervene militarily if Iran is to be used as a base of military operations against it. Last November, the provisional Government of Iran revoked the treaty, but Mr Qotbzadeh said the Soviet Union had not followed suit.

However, the Foreign Minis-

However, the Foreign Minis-ter rejected a recent American offer to make common cause against the Soviet threat from

Afghanistan.
Afghanistan.
Mr Abolhassan Banisadr, the Economy and Finance Minister, said here today that the Iranian Government urgently needs guarantees of no further military intervention by Moscow in other countries after Afghanistan Mr Banisadr, who earlier said that Iran could not take part in the Moscow Olympic Games because the Russians were "killing our Muslim brothers" in neighbouring Afghanistan, called for an "allier of parisons throateand alliance of nations threatened by the superpowers". Base ruled out: Oman will not

let the United States, Britain or any other foreign power establish a base on its rerritory, Mr Qais al-Zawawi, the Omani Foreign Minister said today in Riyadh.

today in Riyadh.

He said after a brief visit to Saudi Arabia that the states of the Gulf region had the chance to agree over safeguarding their security against intervention by any state, "great or small". His talks with Prince Saud al-Faisal, his Saudi counterpart, centred on the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, and the coordination of stan, and the coordination of positions at the Islamic conference to open in Pakistan on Saturday.—Reuter and Agence

Air crash kills 124

Lashgarak, Iran, Jan 21.—An Iranair Boeing 727 crashed tonight near this mountain village and all 124 people on board were killed, revolutionary guards said.

The airliner, on a domestic flight from Mashad, went down in the fog-shrouded Elborz mountains north-east of

mountains north-east of Teheran. The passengers were reported to include pilgrims.— Keuter.

Other steel news, page 2 | Iran and Afghan crises, page 7

Tanker beached: A 300-ton tanker carrying liquid petroleum gas, with waves lashing over it, is beached by storms near Larne, Northern Ireland's main ferry port, yesterday. Police closed the coast road and evacuated cottages nearby.

A fire officer was put on board the Danish tanker, the Regizze Tholstrup, by helicopter to check the cargo for leakage and possible risk of explosion as huge waves drove the vessel farther

The beaching came after a night of

Peace rally

found dead

From Christopher Thomas

Mrs Anne Maguire, aged 44, whose personal tragedy with the death of three of her four

children led to spontaneous demonstrations for peace in Ulster, and the formation of the Peace Movement in 1976, was found dead at her home in

was found dead at her home in Stockmans Lane, Belfast, yes-terday. A carving knife was found beside the body, and police said foul play was not

injured while being chased by security forces. The driver died

and Mrs Maguire was seriously

A spontaneous and emotional rally was held four days later on the site of the accident, in

Finaghy Road North, while Mrs

in Ulster

mother

severe weather. Snow and rain, with gale-force winds swept many parts of

In Northern Ireland a man died when tree fell on his car as he drove to work on the Ballyligg Road, Magheramorne, co Antrim.

A Liverpool motorist was killed in the west of Scotland, where winds were gusting at between 60 and 70 mph and snow falling heavily.

A Spanish trawler, the Isla de

Graznula, reported she was sinking in 70 mph winds 200 miles south-west of the Scilly Isles. An RAF Nimrod found

the ship after a search last night, and reported the trawler had managed to restart her engines.

The man, whom police believe to be Alan Gregson, aged 41, of Acresgate Court, Grange Lane, Liverpool, was driving north between Carlisle and Glasgow on the A74

The heaviest snowfall of the winter blocked roads on the Yorkshire Wolds and North York moors. A wagon

carrying more than 100 pigs was stranded in 4ft drifts between Birdsall and Leavening near Malton
Forecast, page 2

2,000 leave homes after Gold price slips with chemical factory fire

night when fire swept through a chemical favory in River Road, Barking, east London, after three explosions. The fire services said no one was injured.

Police evacuated a housing estate near the factory as 60 firemen fought the blaze. Scotland Yard said that the fire service requested the evacuation because of the possibility of a chlorine gas leak.

London Fire Brigade said: "We have evacuated 2,000 people from houses adjacent to the factory and most of them have been taken to a school nearby. The houses are only tens of yards away from the factory and it was a move we had to

We do not know what gases might be escaping from the building but with a chemical plant you cannot take any chances." Scientific advisers from the

Greater London Council were standing by A woman living nearby, Mrs

Winifred Low, aged 69, of King Edward's Road, Barking, said ber house was shaken by an enormous explosion.

Scientists hope to create live mammoth

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Jan 21

Moscow, Jan 21

A living mammoth, identical to those that roamed the world thousands of years ago, may be recreated from the single cell of a frozen carcase found recently in Siberia, if Soviet experiments are successful.

A member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences recently told a newspaper that living cells from the almost perfectly preserved body of a mammoth that died 44,000 years ago could theoretically be reproduced in a laboratory and cultured to produce a living creature.

Dr V. Mikhelson, a research scientist at the Institute of

scientist at the Institute of Cytology, said the process had already been successfully tested with frogs. Two years ago a baby mam-moth nicknamed Dima—since

displayed at an exhibition in London last year—was found in a frozen marsh in Siberia, and Soviet scientists discovered cells that were in almost per-fect condition in its kidney and iver. Dr Mikhelson said: "As soon

Dr Mikhelson said: "As soon as we get a living cell out of any part of the mammoth body we shall fuse it together in a test tube with the sex cell of a female Indian elephant whose nucleus will first be irradiated by X-ray." This cell will then be implanted in the organism of the female elephant. And under favourable conditions after 18 to 20 months, the normal preg-

to 20 months, the normal preg-nancy period, the world's first 'artificial' mammoth will be

Dr Mikhelson said that further investigations jointly with American scientists at Wain State University in Michigan had found well preserved blood cells in Dima's body.

By the time Dr Mikhelson arrived in Magadan, in the Soviet Far East, most of Dima's present had already been put in

organs had already been put in formalin. But he was lucky to get hold of some still-frozen tissue which was taken to Leningrad and preserved in a laboratory.
The first attempts to culture

living cells from this tissue failed but the scientists then tried the tissues from another mammorb found in 1978,

At one point it seemed as though a culture had begun to grow in the test tube. But, Dr.

Mikhelson said, a mistake was made and the experiment ruined.

He has now begun with a third

female mammoth found at a different location. Henceforth every group of scientists investievery group of scientists investigating newly-discovered mammoths in the permafrost will
include a cytologist. "We have
to get the tissues before they
are unfrozen," he explained.
"Sooner or later we shall
succeed."

A fellow academician told the newspaper Trud that the principles of biology, genetics and cytology (study of cells) did not rule out the possibility experiments. The problem was to get laboratory conditions right for the culture of the cells.

Cloning, the reproduction of cells from a single living cell, has long been known to scientists in the West. But western experts

Moscow said experiments in this field had so far been limited to simpler organisms such as bacteria and unicellular structures, and it was doubtful whether such an ambitious project as recreating an extinct mammoth was yet possible.

by its steel and nationalized industries committee to mount the "most serious industrial consequences" in the event of failure to reach a reasonable accommodation between the unions and BSC on the threatened shutdown of sicelworks at Port Talbot, Llanwern, and

Port Talbot, Llanwern, and Consett.

Mounting tension in South Wales may be partly relieved by a one-day strike of some 100,000 workers in the coal, steel, and related industries next Monday, but if the Acas discussions do not make progress towards a settlement of the BSC dispute by Friday, the steelworkers' union is to call steelworkers' union is to call out its 20,000 members in the

private sector from January 27. The ISTC executive meets again on Thursday, when representatives of steel unions from abroad will be taking part. It is against that background that the conciliation service has to try to bridge the negotiating chasm between the BSC and the steel unions. Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the ISTC, said he did not expect any immediate change after the Downing Street talks, though be thought Mrs Thatcher had "learned something new".

Sir Keith Insenh Secretary of

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, conceded after the talks: "Nothing was said to change the general pic-ture". Asked if the £450m of public money set aside for BSC investment, working capital, and redundancy payments could not be diverted, in part, to settle the unions' pay claim, he added: "They have been allo-cated money from the taxpayer for certain purposes, which do not include wage increases". Speaking later, on BBC Tele-

vision's Nationsoide, Mr Sirs did not rule out the possibility that both sides in the dispute could get back to the negotiating table via Acas. But be added that if the BSC chairman adopted a hard line "the position will

Arming Pakistan gets top priority in US

Washington, Jan 21
President Carter announced today that in this election year he will be limiting major new

domestic and foreign policy pro-grammes to a "critical few", including initiatives to respond to the Soviet invasion of In a 75-page message to Congress outlining his past legislative accomplishments and his priorities for the coming months, the President said his first order of business will be the enactment of a military and

economic aid package for Paki-

stan to bolster its security. On the domestic front, he he wanted Congress to concentrate on approving pending energy legislation; a new The question that is being asked, therefore, is whether President Tito will be able to youth employment programme; measures to improve nuclear waste management and to reorganize the Nuclear Regulator Commission in the wake of the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant last spring; and new revenue shar-ing plans for cities and states. Mr Carter's message ruled

dividuals and business, while inflation continued and while there was no sign of a deep top priority remained a reduction in the budger deficit. although it would consider taxcuts at a later date if the econosituation deteriorated

Mr Carter sent his message to Capitol Hill earlier than normal this year, so that he can concentrate on his foreign policy goals when he speaks to a joint session of Congress in his State of the Union address on Wednesday evening. In past years, the written message had tradi-tionally been published at the same time as the address.

Two-thirds of the message deals with domestic policy and one third with various aspects of foreign policy. A senior White House official explained that the foreign policy section was designed to provide the

Maguire was recovering in hospital. The Peace Movement, led by Mrs Maguire's sister, Miss Mairead Corrigan and Mrs Betty Williams, sprang from Marches were held in the autumn and winter of 1976 in the Catholic Falls and Pro-

testant Shankill areas as well as in Londonderry and towns throughout Ulster and the rest

of Britain.

In 1977 the Maguires, with their surviving child, Mark, then aged seven, emigrated to Auckland. New Zealand. Mr Jackie Maguire said at the time: "I think people have seen the futility of violence. What has happened to my family can happen to a lot of families." families."

But the family could not settledown in New Zealand and seven months later. in January, 1978, they returned to Belfast. Mr Maguire was traced by police at his work yesterday and told of his wife's death. The alarm had been raised at 4.10 pm by a neighbour. Mark, and their other child, Joanne, who were named after one of

I promise to love, honour and not melt down my wedding ring.

US profit-taking

bullion markets in London yes-terday when its price was fixed at a record \$850 an ounce but profit-taking in New York made the price slip back to \$825, to close \$10 down on Friday's closing price. Dealers reported less hectic activity in the metal but in Chicago the futures market touched \$1,000 an ounce for the first time. The price remained buoyant on conremained buoyant on continuing political uncertainty in East-West relations. But in New York further speculation was added to the already volatile market when a weekend report in the New York Times suggested that the Russians had In August, 1976, her children, Joanne, Andrew and John, died when they were hit by a car driven by a man shot and found a commercially sound method of converting lead into gold. Although the technology exists to make the conversion possible, United States scientists are sceptical that it can be done commercially Page 17

Cairo 'delays air New grade for link to Israel'

A Tel Aviv newspaper has reported that General Taha Magadoub, the official in charge of normalization at Egyptian Foreign Ministry, said that the national airline, Egyptair, would not open an office in Israel nor begin flights to Tel Aviv next week as pre-viously arranged. page 8

Crucial primary vote in Iowa

The people of Iowa were voting last night for the men they want the Democratic and Republican Parties to adopt as presidential candidates. In this important. first primary, the lowans were hoping to hold the line against further price increases and to keep the respect of the world for the United

Rome Parliament out of control'

Both the Christian Democrats and the Communists have issued warnings that the insti-rutional failure of the Italian Parliament is striking at the heart of the country's demo-cracy and that Parliament is becoming uncontrollable.

£300,000 gift a valid trust'

Civil Service

prepared by the Civil Service

Department, a new grade will be created and young officials

who have demonstrated their capacity while serving in the middle ranks of the service will

be given a greater chance of obtaining top Whitehall jobs.

A gift of £300,000 to the library of the Taylor Institution at Oxford University by the late Dr Theodore Besterman was a valid charitable trust, Mr Justice Slade ruled in the High Court. Pensions: Opposition MPs have

tabled 14 amendments to the Social Security Bill to preserve the link between pensions and earnings EEC: Mr Walker firm on farm

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This would test the efficiency of a complicated system in his lifetime, when the presence of his complications. Britain 'alone in Europe 'over Olympics stand tinue to provide the kind of powerful influence that he has exerted over the Yugoslav scene for over 35 years. By Michael Hatfield

Britain stood alone in Europe in its attempts to get concerted action against the Moscow Olympic Games, Mr Nikolai Lunkov, the Russian Ambassador in Britain, said last night. Mr Lunkov, who was speak-ing after meeting the Labour backbenchers foreign affairs group in the Commons, also said that the deadline for the removal of Soviet forces set by President Carter was "ridicu-

During the meeting Mr Lunkov was asked if Soviet forces would be sent to Yugoslavia if there was unrest and they were invited. He replied that the West was always trying to bury President Tito and that there was a strong friendship between Russia and Yugoslavia Mr Lunkov was pressed hard by backbenchers about the in-

or cent rise in the Retail Price index will be to increase taxvasion of Afghanistan, including one or two left wingers not known for regular criticism of Soviet foreign policy, who said the invasion could severely he coming fiscal year under the erms of the Rooker-Wise damage détente. his should mean a tax reduc-ion of £1.80 a week; for a single person. £1.15; for a Ambassador reiterated that the troops had been invited into Arghanistan. Soviet

Polls support Mr Carter, page 7

background context for the State of the Union address. In a section on South Asia, Mr Carter says that the "over-whelming challenge" in this a section on South Asia, who was named after one of the dead children, were understood to have been in the Continued on page 7, col 5 i house at the time. out an immediate tax-cut for in-

Miss Rita Nightingale, the British nurse who was jailed by a Bangkok court for drug smuggling, is to be released this week after serving three years of her 20-year sentence.

The decision to free Miss Nightingale, aged 25, was an-nounced yesterday by the Thai Embassy in London.
The release comes after an appeal for clemency which she made to the King of Thailand late last year. Miss Nightingale

always maintained that she was innocent. A spokesman for the Thai Embassy said: "A decision has been made and she has received clemency from the King."

The decision was welcomed by Mrs Barbara Castle, former MP for Miss Nightingale's home town of Blackburn, and now an MP in the European Parliament. She had helped to lead a massive campaign in Blackburn to free Miss Nightingale. Mrs Castle paid tribute to

the Thai Government for its handling of the case, and to Dr David Owen, the former Foreign Secretary in the Labour Government, who had sent a Government petition asking the Thais to show mercy.
She added: "I am convinced

that there might be a lastminute hitch.

1977, after she flew to Bangkok while on a trip home from her job as a night club receptionist in Hongkong to see her widowed mother, Mrs Lily Nightingale. Customs men found heroin worth £650,000 in a transistor radio and false-bottomed suit-

Lewis. Before her trial, Miss Nightingale said Lewis was supposed to accompany her on the trip. for which he paid, but cried off at the last minute: He told her to go to Bangkok with Robert Yip, a friend, and then to England. Meanwhile, customs men in Hongkong bad told the Thai authorities to look out for

After her arrest, Miss Nightingale led customs men to Robert Yip, who denied knowing her. He and Chan Ming Fai were arrested but later released.

Thais to release British nurse jailed over drugs

Rita was just used as a dupe ". Miss Nightingale's family declined to comment for fear

case she was given by her Chinese boyfriend, known as

Miss Nightingale and a man called Chan Ming Fai.

Coalfield is run down in readiness for South Wales pit strike

Bridgend
South Wales miners have started running down the coal-

started running down the coal-field in preparation for an ali-out strike in March, their area president, Mr Emlyn Williams, said yesterday.

In a bitter attack on the Brit-ish Steel Corporation, Mr Williams said his men would "rather eat dirt" than accept the steel cut proposals, which could destroy the region's coal-field.

Mr Williams said that for the

Mr Williams said that for the past week miners had been past week miners had been refusing to move any steel products within the pits. That included a ban on steel arches essential for supporting underground roadways and vital for the extension of coal faces.

Speaking after a delegate conference of the South Wales miners, Mr Williams said the BSC proposals for a slimmed

BSC proposals for a slimmed down operation at Llanwern and Port Talbot meant that the Corporation would buy only 600,000 tonnes of coking coal from miners in the area.
"This is equivalent to the

plans, Mr Williams said, the factory, miners would be in the fore. The r rront of an all-out strike in March. His union was supporting the call by the Wales TUC for a two-year suspension of the closure plans while an inquity was held into the way the steel industry was run.

The plant, which produces 30 per cent of the can tops used by the British food industry, employs 2,200 people and has been given a 15-month was held into the way the steel industry was run.

During the delegate con-ference speaker after speaker claimed that Wales would be turned into an industrial waste-land, with more than 50,000 redundancies, if the corporation and the Government were "allowed to get away with" their plans to de-industrialize the principality.

The largest blast furnace in

into the sharp winter air. Her Teess fires have been banked up, like said.

Europe puffs white wisps lazily

a kitchen stove for a January night, in the hope that she will

still function when the steel

strike is over.
Managers at British Steel

Corporation's divisional head-quarters at Redcar, on Teesside,

whose landscaped offices gaze

No furnace of this size has

The furnace, one of the most

is designed to produce 10,000

tonnes of pigiron a day. Before

complex, was commis-i only last October and

Biggest blast furnace faces

ruin if stoppage prolonged

strike in Wales next Monday, the first since 1926, were completed yesterday by leaders of 20 unions at a meeting of the Wales TUC.

Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Wales TUC, said more than 200,000 workers would join the strike in protest against the run-down of the said: "As things stand more than 50,000 men will be out of work in eight mouths. To ask for time is the most moderate, responsible and humane demand we have ever made."

The Wales TUC has called in a team of management consul-tants to work out a blueprint for the "reconstruction of industry in Wales".

The Government, Mr Wright said, should accede to their call for a two-year delay so that both sides of industry could work out a socially responsible and economically viable base for the future.

Secondary picketing was still threatening the future of the Metal Box factory in Neath "This is equivalent to the output from one mine and means that 21 pits out of 36 could close", Mr Williams said. "That is just not on."

Unless the TUC take positive prevent the movement of materials in and out of the factory.

factory to national union leaders the local strike com-mittee has decided to continue its blockade.

Mr Brian Milford, chairman of the works council at the factory, said: "We have been told by the strike committee that they will review the posi-tion on Wednesday".

be a very long, and expensive process and will leave us short

of iron for the steel mills of Teesside", a BSC spokesman

The furnace is part of the new £450m Redcar iron-making



Mr Scargill (right) marching with Mr Keith Jones, Rotherham ISTC leader.

Mr Sirs is heckled by strikers

From Our Correspondent

Striking steelworkers their union leader, Mr William Sirs, at a rally in Sheffield yesterday that they would settle for nothing less than a 20 per cent increase.

Mr Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, arrived in Sheffield 90 minutes late after talks

with the Prime Minister in I know full well what the posi-tion is."

He was given a lukewarm reception by the 1,500 steel-workers who had marched through the city centre for a rally at the city hall, also attended by Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire miners' leader and local MPs leader, and local MPs.

without specifying any figures, he told the meeting that he looked forward to getting round the table with the steel em-ployers to bring the three-weekold strike to an honourable end. A number of steelworkers the country."
shouted: "Twenty per cent and nothing less." Mr Sirs replied: response when he told the "It is no good shouting to me. strikers: "You are invincible."

He told them the talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her

Cabinet colleagues would have little direct impact and added: "The only impact that you will have now is the action you are taking.
"The only thing the corpora-

Mr Sirs was heckled when, tion understands is direct ithout specifying any figures, action. We are being set upon e told the meeting that he socked forward to getting round field and Rotherham our position might be very strong, but do not think for one moment it is the same everywhere else in

to strike loses union job By Clifford Webb Midlands Industrial Correspondent

ralks outside the conference Dublia court of bein arena with Mr. Humphrey of the outlawed I Atkins, Secretary of State for denied the charge.

Shop steward who refused

A British Leyland shop steward who refused to join a strike called in protest at the dismissal of Mr Derek Robinson, the shop stewards' leader, has had his credentials withdrawn by his union and has been fined £10.

HOME NEWS

The prospects for the Govern-ment's constitutional conference

on Northern Ireland improved sharply last night when Roman Catholics and "loyalists" agreed on the shape of an

agenda.

For the first time the confer-

ence will today begin substan-tive talks on devolution of

power to the province. A strict

tion was imposed as delegated left Stormont last night at the end of a three-hour session, the fourth sings the conference opened earlier this month.

There is clearly a determination by the Rey Lee Paisloy.

tion by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, and Mr John Hume, who heads the Social Democratic and Labour Parry, 10.

make the conference work. Mr. Paisley said emphatically: "We will stay to the bitter end".

participating parties now seem set to keep talking until some

agreement can be reached. The impression is that the confer-ence could sit until the spring. Much of the tension has been

raken out of it because the Roman Catholic leaders have agreed to shift the main thrust of their arguments over the emotive "Irish question" to

After a troubled beginning all

Bur last night Mr Eddie Howard, aged 31, a machine shop worker at Longbridge, where Mr Robinson is the con vener, claimed that he was only carrying out the wishes of the men he represented. He said they had held a meeting and voted to stay at work.
"I have been a member of

the Transport and General Workers Union since I was 16 and I have always gone on strike when required in the past. But we voted not to go out over Derek Robinson. We don't support him."

For that resson, he said, he felt fully justified in crossing picket lines thrown around the plant within hours of Mr Robin-son's dismissal on November 19.

Shell drivers

22% pay offer

By Donald Macintyre

Shop stewards representing 2,000 Shell tanker drivers and

staff at oil terminals decided

yesterday to put a pay offer worth about 22 per cent over

the coming year to a vote by the membership.

The decision came on the eve

of today's report back by British Petroleum shop stewards on how the company's 2,000 oil and

to vote on

Labour Reporter

Mr Howard is surprising in view of the confusion that fol-lowed the decision of the union's West Midlands regional finance and general purposes committee to declare the strike official When Mr Robinson's own

Form of agenda agreed | TUC not

part the Democratic Unionists

appear willing not to pressition hard on their central demand

hard on their central demand, for tougher security measures. Mr Paisley, who is the only localist, spokesman at the talks because of the boycott by, the Official Unionists, last night accepted an invitation from the Rev. Robert Bradford, official-Unionist MP for Belfast, South, for Internanti talks, to serile

for inter-party talks to settle their differences.

Mr. James Molyneaux, the Official Unionist leader, appar-

ently was not directly involved in the invitation, but Mr Paisley said: "I would like officers of both parties to be an attendance,

but I am prepared to meet Mr. Molyaceux man to man if that is what he wants. After all, we are all members of the same

Unionist family ".

The main differences between

the parties. Mr Paisley asserted, was that the Democratic Unionists favoured a fully

devolved parkament and government, whereas the Official Unionists appeared to be more integrationist, under the influence of Mr Enoch Powell, MP for Down, South.

Cleared again: Francis McGiri, aged 24, who last November was found not guilty of the morder of Lord Mountbatten of Burma.

was cleared yesterday by a Dublia court of being a member of the outlawed IRA. He had

for Ulster conference

totally

opposed to

pay policy

The prospect of a resurrected prices and incomes policy inder a new Labour government as part of an alternative economic strategy to that of the Conservative administration was discussed between shadow ministers and trade union leaders yesterday.

while nothing like firm decisions were taken, shadow
ministers were privately pleased
that there had not been an
automatic rejection by the trade
unionists, especially as the TUC
had voted down an incomes
roller in the last year of the

policy in the last year of the Labour government.

Though there was opposition at the meeting of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee, the view expressed by Mr Len

Murray, general secretary of the TUC, was that there was no rigid view on the matter. Much would depend on the economic climate and the context in which such a policy was intro-duced.

"We are not totally against

We are not totally against an incomes policy; sometimes it is right and sometimes it is wrong, he informed Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition, and other shadow ministers at the meeting.

While it was being stated that too much should not be read into the views expressed

read into the views expressed at this stage, it appears to be a significant step forward for the

Opposition in its search for an alternative economic strategy before the next general election.

Though the government and the TUC fell out over the issue

in October 1978, with disastrous consequences for Mr Callaghan

and his colleagues, it seems that such delicate issues can be re-

Opposition to an incomes policy came first from Mr Erick

Heffer, a left-wing member of the party national executive

committee. He clashed with Mry Denis Healey, who initially raised the issue as part of his review of the economic situa-

13% pay claim

hospital workers

may tempt

By Our Labour Staff

union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, refused to make the strike official embarrassed leaders of the TGWU ordered the West Midlands to withdraw official

recognition. The strike collapsed soon afterwards.

The AUEW inquiry into the dismissal of Mr Robinson is now in its final stages, but it is still not clear when the findings will be announced. It is understood that the volume of evidence taken from union and management witnesses is proving very difficult to sift and collate. As a result

Union negotiators last night completed a 13 per cent pay claim for 250,000 hospital the report of the three-man inquiry team could still be weeks away. The AUEW has said that it will call an official ancillary workers, whose industtrial action last winter caused widespread disruption in the strike if the inquiry reports that Mr Robinson was wrong-fully dismissed. health service. The claim is to be put to the

membership without recom-mondation from the negotiamondation from the negotia-tors, but Mr Charles Donnett, national officer of the General and Municipal Workers Union, said he thought the offer was sufficient to "dampen down any feelings of militancy". It would mean weekly increases

The other unions involved, the Transport and Genera Workers', the National Union of Public Employees and the Confederation of Service Employees, balloting members in the next

Correction

A photograph of the eighth Lord Ruthven of Freeland was erro-neously used to illustrate the "Whitehall brief" article on January 15. The Lord Ruthven referred to in the article as having commanded troops in London in commanded troops in London in 1925 was his eldest son, the ninth Lord Ruthven of Freeland.

Private sector attacks 'callousness'

plans by the steelworkers' union to call out on strike 20,000 of its members employed by independent companies, and appealed to the union to reconsider its threat.

complex, which also includes a bank of new coke ovens of the most advanced design in the world. The ovens, which were started up last year, have been giving trouble because of their council meeting this week, was described as "callous and cynical" by Mr John Paterson, president of the British In-dependent Steel Producers directly on to the smoking revolutionary design. They, too, monster, are concerned for the are in danger of extensive safety of this priceless plant damage from a long period of if the shundown is much pro-

The National Union of Blastfurnacemen is providing a 24-hour safety shift on both been banked up before for a 24-hour safety shift on both long period, and no one is furnace and ovens, but BSC certain what the effect will be. says their presence is insufficient to prevent possible

expensive single pieces of serious long-term damage to the equipment in the entire British Steel complex, was commis-Redcar's iron ore terminal, recently imported its ten millionth tonne of ore, is the impasse between the steel blocked by a stranded unions and the British Steel Christmas it had been worked blocked by a stranded up to 6,000 tonnes a day, and Australian coal ship. When the

tory brick lining and a solid The crew remain on board, mass of iron that will need to but local officials of the Iron be chipped out piece by piece. and Steel Trades Confederation refusing to allow her it reaches that stage we are will have to commission this unloading to proceed.

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor Britain's independent steel producers yesterday attacked

The plan, announced last week by the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and likely to be confirmed at an executive

The possibility of legal pro-ceedings being instituted is being investigated by the association.

With a turnover of £1,500m, the one hundred or so BISPA companies account for about a quarter of the United Kingdom steel market and employ 60,000

If there is no move to resolve the impasse between the steel hands of the unions.
unions and the British Steel "Times are hard enough in
Corporation which led to the the European steel industry was going well.

But now it is beginning to cool from the outside, and a long period of inactivity will mean a collapse of the refraction which led to the strike began 10,000 tonnes of the refraction which led to the strike began 10,000 tonnes of the cargo had been unloaded, but all work was stopped on January 2, with 60,000 tonnes still in her hold.

The great remain on heard to the strike, now entering its fourth week, the private sector ISTC members will be called out from next Sunday, halting all steel production in the United Kingdom.

strike. The companies, he said, were not in dispute with their employees and the ISTC had admitted that any strike call would be in breach of established procedure agreements. He reaffirmed earlier warnings that if the workers were forced to join the strike some

companies would close down

permanently and jobs would be

a political move by representa-tives of BSC employees to exploit for their own purposes the loyalty of their independent-sector colleagues. It would undermine the good relations, constructed over years, between

companies and their employees. "Our member companies are aware of the dilemma their taking our injunctions. "We are not involved in this dispute. The private sector that the face. Management is the face. Management is stories in the UK and is one of the success that the face was awarding legal opinion on the possibility of taking our injunctions.

"We are not involved in this dispute. The private sector has been one of the success in the face. Management is stories in the UK and is one

without these misguided, irresponsible pressures on the United Kingdom indepen-

sector ISTC employees that tests with the Government and strike is I they wanted no part in the BSC urging a settlement, Mr industries.

has the arrogance to suggest that we protest to the Govern-ment. Our protest is to the union against its shortsightedness and lack of regard for the welfare of our employees. Let it reconsider immediately." About half the independent companies are already suffer-ing disruption through secon-

Paterson retorted: "The union

dary picketing and ISTC instructions to members that they should not load or unload destined for private steel sector works. BISPA has not ruled out the

possibility of instituting legal proceedings Mr Alec Mortimer, its director-general, said the organization was awaiting legal

determined to provide facilities of the few parts of the steel for work to continue for as long industry in Europe which have as possible, but the resolution managed to remain arcticable of this dilemma lies in the during some dreadful condi-hands of the unions. tions, This action by the ISTC does no one any good, least of all private sector employees", he added. Later Mr Mortimer was

from next Sunday, halting all steel production in the United Kingdom independent in the United Kingdom independent in the United Kingdom independent industrial leaders who attended a meeting called by the Confrom Mr William Sirs, general federation of British Industry secretary of the ISTC, that to assess the latest development and the impact the less with the Government and the les

accepted similar offers.

petrol delivery staff have voted on a broadly similar pay offer. Early indications are that BP workers were moving towards

Texaco and Esso drivers bave

Meeting aimed at averting water strike Unions and management in

the water industry are to meet on Monday in an attempt to avert the threatened national water strike.

The basis of the talks, union insistence, is the water workers' claim that they are paid on average £10 a week less than employees in the gas and electricity industries. It was the refusal by the employ-ers to negotiate on the findings of a joint comparability study that led last month to the breakdown of pay talks.

The employers' side is due to meet tomorrow to formulate its response to the strike

ranging from about £5.70 to £7.50.

few weeks.

From Ronald Kershaw Northern Industrial

Correspondent, Sheffield

be producing is the Stanton unions involved are not in dis-works at likeston, Derbyshire, pute." Production had been which makes soun iron pipes

and concrete pipes. partly although pickets from move metal.

the works yesterday.

Probably the only British night: "The plant has been Steel Corporation plant still to working because most of the which makes spun iron pipes affected, however, because 40 lorry drivers, members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, had refused to

Corby and Wales descended on A BSC spokesman said last

Lone plant carries on despite pickets and drivers Some members of the National Union of Blastfurnacemen in the central melting plant had stopped work and 950 of 4,000 workers had been South have expressible to the refu lorries.

The Some members of the refu lorries.

sent home temporarily, the spokesman said. One of Sheffield's biggest private sector steel firms, Arthur Lee, laid off 330 workers from its plant at Meadow Hall, because of the shortage of raw materials and

the refusal of workers to load

The South Yorkshire strike committee sent more men to Birmingham to picket British Leyland works and to Dover to prevent steel landings.

Mr Edward Thorne, secretary of the strike committee, des-cribed yesterday's demonstra-tion as "a tremendous suc-cess",

North Sea piping From Ronald Faux

gating steel shipments at Dun-dee Docks and they had reached agreement with shop stewards at the fabrication yards at Nigg on the Cromarty Firth and Ardersier, near Inverness, that

cantly it will make people down
South think egain about their
attitude towards this strike."
Picketing in West Scotland

was increased yesterday after an agreement by 1,800 steel an agreement by 1,000 steel craftsmen to support the action. That has allowed strike organizers to build up their pickets at steel stockholders' yards to about 700 men.

narrowly to join stoppage By Our Midlands Industrial

Correspondent About 100 shop stewards re-

call to join the strike from Sunday.

The voting figures were not men leaving the

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Today

Sun rises : Sun sets: 4.31 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 10,22 am 10.44 pm First quarter: January 24. Lighting up: 5.01 pm to 7.22 am, High water: London Bridge 4.42 am, 7.3m; 5.15 pm, 7.3m. Avonmouth, 10.25 am, 13.4m; 10.47 pm, 12.9m. Dover, 1.47 sm, 6.9m; 2.11 pm, 6.6m. Hull, 9.21 am, 7.3m; 9.25 pm, 7.5m. Liverpool 2.08 am, 9.2m; 2.27 pm, 9.6m. 1ft=0.3048m. 1m=3.208ft

A deep depression will be slow moving over S Scotland.

Porecasts for 6 am to midnight : London, SE, central S and N, E England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Bright intervals and blustery showers, heavy at times; wind W, strong to gale; max temp 5°C (41°F).

SW England, S Wales: Bright or sunmy intervals, heavy showers, snow on hills, severe falls in exposed places: wind W, gale; max temp 5" or 6"C (41" to 43"F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man. SW Scotland, N Ireland: Rather cloudy showers or longer outbreaks of rain or sleet, spow on hills; wind W or NW, strong to gale; max temp 4°C (39°F). NE England, Borders: Bright intervals, showers or longer out-breaks of rain or sleet, snow on hills; Wind Sw, strong to gale; max temp 4°C (39°F).

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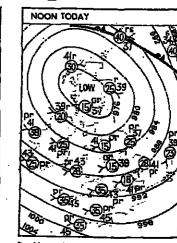
Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, rain or snow at times; wind E, gale or severe gale; max temp 3°C (37°F). temp 3°C (3°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Showers and sunny intervals; some more prolonged rain or; snow at first in N and E, and later rain will return to SW. Rather cold; night frost.

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;



strong to severe gale, locally storm; sea very rough. St George's Channel: Wind W to NW, strong to severe gale, locally storm; sea very rough. Irish Sea: Wind cyclonic, variable, becoming W to NW, strong to severe gale; sea very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F): min 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.23 in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.8 hr. Ber, mean sea level, 6 pm, 931.8 millibars, failing. 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

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Petition demands hardship payments at Corby

From Frances Gibb Cox.p.A

Striking steel workers at Corby are to present a petition to their union organizers today which they say bears the signatures of 700 members demanding strike or hardship payments. The members of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation say they are not against the strike but against their union's policy not to pay strike benefits.

Mr Thomas Barrowman, the strike committee welfare officer, estimates that of 8,000 striking members, 2,000 are single or married couples with dependants who do not receive supplementary benefits.

One of the strikers concerned about the lack of hardship money, Mr John McKean, aged 22, a shift helper, said he had only 71p left in the bank and was faced with rent and full board of £23.50 a week. "I have been told that a single man on strike cannot receive any benefit and that if I am still our by February 15 I can come back again, he

The union's hardship fund stands at £300. Of that, £100 has been invested in £5 food vouchers which are being kept by in case of emergencies. The strike is nearing the end of its third week and members who have not been paid since December 21 are feeling the

driver at Corby's tubeworks, one of the organizers of the petition, said: "We have been told that the union's money is cannot be touched. We want to know where it is tied up and for whom."

The Confederation which has assets of film, has decided against making strike payments because its investments are not liquid and because it would result in social security benefits being withdrawn from other members.

Mr John Cowling, the national executive member of the Confederation at Corby, said he had agreed to meet the strikers organizing the petition. He said it was far easier for other unions, such as the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, which is giving its striking members 19 a week, to pay strike money. "We have to finance flying

pickets all over the place. Our union has 100,000 members. If we gave them £10 a week that would be f1m. We would be broke inside four weeks." After a mass meeting on Sunday of steel workers at Corby the strike organizers decided to step up the flying pickets. Two coachloads were sent yesterday to works at Grantham, two carloads to docks at King's Lynn and two carloads to Melton Mowbray.

hird week and members who have not been paid since nearly 300 steel workers from Wales and Teesside in picketing the Stanton works at Ilkeston, Mr Neil Hunter, a crane Derbyshire.

Attempt made to stop supply of

Edinburgh

Pickets have been sent to prevent the movement of steel at stockholders yards in Aberdeen that supply piping and other material for the North Sea oil industry, organizers of the steel strike in Scotland said yester-

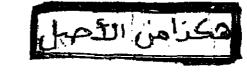
any new steel entering the yards would not be handled. Mr Pat Shevlin, a strike offi-cial, said: "If we can stop North Sea development signifi-

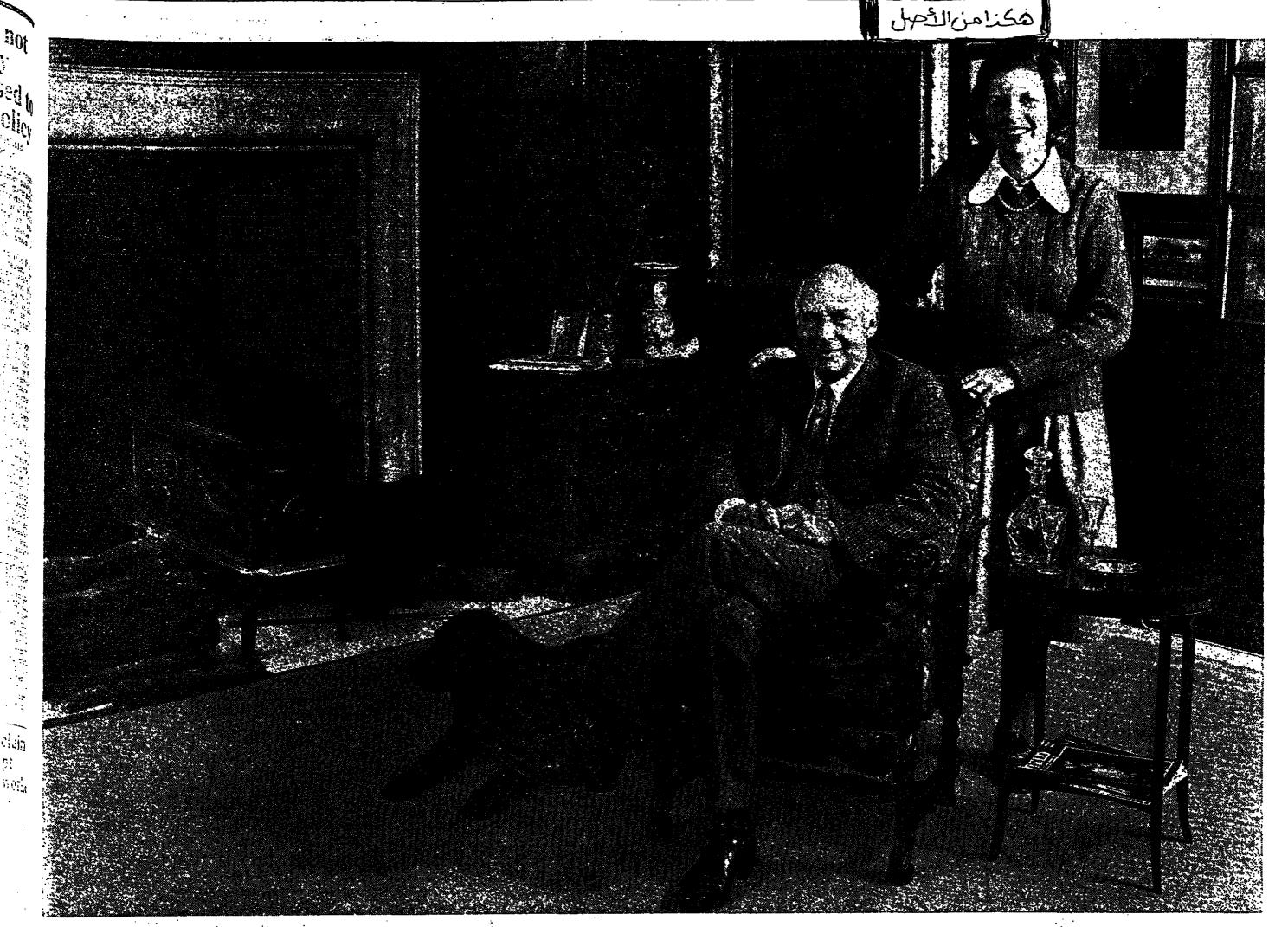
Stewards vote

presenting 3,000 private-sector members of the ISTC in the West Middands met at Duccile Steels, Willenball, yesterday and voted to obey their unjon's

revealed but men leaving the meeting said there was a substantial number against the strike. They said that Mr Roy Bishop, the union's top Midlands official, was given a noisy hearing.

Almost all the 3,000 are employed in rerolling mills using steel from a number of sources, including BSC. Some 3,000 West Midlands private-sector steel workers are already laid off because of the strike.





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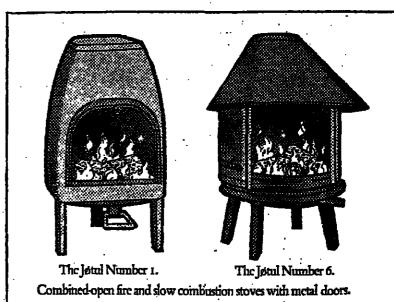
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Middle rankers in Civil Service to be given better chance of getting top Whitehall posts

Promising young officials from the middle ranks of the Civil Service are to be given a greater chance of obtaining top Whitehall jobs under a new recruitment scheme prepared by the Civil Service Depart-

"High-fliers" will continue to be recruited directly from university and polytechnic graduates, but an equal number will be found from executive officers already in the Civil

A new grade of Higher Executive Officer Development (HEOD) will be created to merge the two streams of recruits. After two or three years in "testing "jobs, HEODs will be eligible for promotion to principal, the gateway grade for the higher Civil Service.

The plan represents a com-promise between the egalitarian demands of the middle manage-

ment union, the Society of Civil and Public Servants, which has demanded that all university recruits should begin their careers as executive officers, and Whitehall's principal establishment officers, who were lishment officers, who were determined to sustain a flow of the finest university-trained minds into the Civil Service and believed that an entry restricted to the executive officer grade would deter such

people.
In 1977-78, the last uninter-rupted year of recruitment, 186 candidates were admitted as administration trainees (ATs),

cities urged
By Our Planing Reporter

A renewed, specific commit-ment by the Government to discriminate finacially in

favour of inner cities for at least a decade was caled for last night by Mr ePter Shore, MP for Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, and former Labour Secretary of for the Environment

Mr Shore was delivering the third annual Thomas Cubbitt

Lecture at the Royal Society of

Arts, London. His theme was urban decay and, as he is now

Cabinet minister returning to a subject of particular personal

In an implicit critism of the

present Government's decision

to establish urban development

which had begun to appear in

of poverty traps and ethnic chettos; physical and moral

and die, he said.

generations to come."

Arrested liner's

owners sued for

more than £1m

From Our Correspondent

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Environment.

potential high-fliers". Of those, 129 were directly re-cruited graduates and 57 drawn from executive officer grades. Under the new scheme the number recruited in a single year is unlikely to exceed 100 or to sink below 50, an equal proportion being taken from external and internal candidates.

If the two unions principally concerned, the society and the Association of First Division Civil Servants, representing the Civil Servants, representing the higher grades, agree, the plan could be implemented during the 1981 recruiting season.

The HEOD scheme was proposed by Sir Kenneth Clucas, Permanent Secretary to the Department of Trade and a former First Civil Service Commissioner responsible for recruitment.

He challenged the findings of a review committee which in 1978 recommended an executive officer development scheme to find and groom candidates for rapid promotion. Only a small proportion of those chosen for development training would

have been successful.

Sir Kenneth circulated a forceful paper arguing that such a scheme would foster a failure mentality and would be wasteful of resources in an era of expenditure restraint. One of the alternatives he suggested was the HEOD scheme.

Whitehall now believes success will be built into the

system. Internal candidates for HEOD will be drawn from those

higher executive officer.

Those chosen for possible promotion to HEOD will then attend the Civil Service Selection Board to undergo a battery of written of written, oral and cognitive tests similar to that undertaken by direct graduate recruits. Such direct entrants will still be known as administration trainknown as administration trainees and will remain two years in the

It remains an open question whether the society will accept the new scheme, as it is committed to the complete disappearance of the AT grade. But the new arrangement does represent, in the society's view, a considerable improvement on the old, which it regarded as irredeemably elitist.

Mr George Marshall, general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, said of the new scheme yester-day: "This is a much better idea. As long as we have a smallish external stream we are smallish external stream we are quite happy, and we want proper use made of in-service people."

A meeting will be held in the Old Admiralty Building next week to discuss details of the HEOD scheme. Mr Jonathan Charkham and Mr Alan Wisbey will attend for the Civil Service
Department. The unions will be
represented by Mr Marshall,
Mr Campbell Christie, of the
society, and Mr Peter Jones,
from the Whitley Council



A "refugee" fleeing a battle scene being helped across a bridge during a Royal Engineers' demonstration of techniques and equipment at Hawley, Hampshire, yesterday.

More aid for Sex for sale inquiry

Home Affairs Correspondent The Home Office has asked Derbyshire police to investigate allegations that sex, drugs and drinks were for sale as part of a racket at Sudbury open prison, Derbyshire.

The story of graft emerged through solicitors acting for one of the prisoners, who helped his wife and a private detective she had hired to cooperate in trapping the alleged syndicate. Mr Matthew Parris, Conservative MP for Derbyshire West, in whose constituency the prison is, yesterday called for a wide-ranging inquiry into the Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, it afforded a rare example of a former affairs at the prison.

He said: "For many years the prison officers at Sunbury have complained to my prede-cessor and to myself about low manning levels and about hardened criminals being allowed into an open prison.
The allegations must be investigated, but the investigation should go wider and deeper corporations in the London and Merseyside docklands, he said that such corporations should be set up only with the agreethan that."

ment of local authorities. The London docklands boroughs and Merseyside County Men alleged to have taken part in the racket, a prisoner and prison officer, were named Council strongly oppose the in the Daily Mirror yesterday, Without the confidence that Without the confidence that depended on a long-term government commitment, the small the help of certain prison buds of hope and achievement officers.

Privileges on offer included, the newspaper said, sex with a prostitute for £200; a night outside with the wife at £100; telephone calls out for £10 each; extra visits from the wife the inner cities would wither "We shall see the accelera-tion of decline; the emergence at £10 a time; marijuana at £5 decay; alienation and violence; and the growth and multiplication of problems that a roll-up; porongraphic books at £25 a bundle; and luxury food for £25. way the pri
The Daily Mirror said last the past an night that it would cooperate the staff.". will plague not only us but

ordered at open prison fully with the police inquiry. "Everything we have got they

> Though local officials of the Prison Officers' Association declined to comment, an officer at the association's London headquarters said the story sounded "like something out of Prison Loked" Fantasy Island".

Promising that the association would cooperate fully in the police investigation, he added: But we do not accept that any crime has been committed unless it has been properly investigated and tried".

Because Sudbury was an open prison security was low. Getting in and out of there was easy, but if someone stayed out for any length of time they would soon be missed.

A villager at Sudbury said yesterday: "We have for some time been concerned about the criminals now housed in Sudbury. When the prison was established it housed only first offenders, but now serious offenders, but now serious criminals are detained there". The Home Office replied last night that in general people who went to an open prison were deemed suitable to be trusted in open conditions.

If prisoners abused open conditions they would know there was a price to be paid: the risk of going back into a closed prison, loss of remission and ruined prospects of parole.
Mr David Wilkinson, vicechairman of the prison's board of visitors, said vesterday: "If there is any substance at all in the allegations it is very serious. I have been impressed by the way the prison has been run in the past and also impressed by

Police corruption inquiry team gets new adviser

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter An indication that Operation Trom Our Correspondent
Liverpool
The Wallasey-based Cruise
Club has lodged a claim for
more than £1 damages for
breach of contract against the
cruise liner, La Perla, in detention at Alexandra Dock, Liver-Countryman, the inquiry into serious allegations of police corruption in London, is likely to continue for some time was given yesterday, with the announcement of a new adviser non at Alexandra Dock, Liver-pool, a club official said last last night.

The vessel was arrested at the instigation of the club. The owners, the Athens-based Perlus Cruises, are suing the club for \$345,000 to the investigating team. In a joint statement Mr Pat-rick Kavanagh, Deputy Commis-

sioner of the Metropolitan Police, and Mr Peter Marshall, Commissioner of the City of London Police, announced that Mr Peter Matthews, Chief Con-The owners have allowed the club to put a consultant engineer on board to check for the alleged defects. The club is stable of Surrey, is to become adviser to Mr Leonard Burt, head of Countryman and Assistant Chief Constable of sending out letters to 2,000 people who had booked on three subsequent cruises next month telling them they have Dorset. fares, ranging from £200 to £750, would be refunded The ship has been "blacked" by the International Transport Workers' Federation,

bleton has been involved in have some way to go.

discussions on the inquiry but he is retiring at the end of February.

The Countryman team, which now includes 80 officers from forces outside London, has been based at Godalming, Surrey, for some time, so Mr Matthews' appointment would be

The investigations and their progress have spurred considerable controversy and criticism and there may be criticism that Mr Matthews is himself a former Metropolitan Police officer. It was pointed out yesterday that he left the force in 1965 and was never a CID officer. The fact that Countryman

He is taking over from Mr continues to require an adviser Arthur Hambleton, Mr Burt's to discuss operational matters chief constable, at the end of is an indication that after next month. Since Countryman nearly a year and a half of was formed in 1978 Mr Ham- work the investigations still

GLC attitude to Stansted could bring chaos to road links Department of Transport and

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent
The Government and the
Greater London Council appear
to be at odds over Stansted airport in a way that threatens traffic chaos in north-east

While the Government predicts that 50 million passengers a year will be using Stansted by the year 2,000 and the Department of Transport expects up to 15,000 a day to move by road between the airport and central London, the GLC is still pursuing a policy of restricting traffic into London and building roads of limited canacity. roads of limited capacity to enforce it.

Decisions are due to be taken by the GLC this week on links into central London from where the M11 from Stansted ends in the outer north-east suburbs, and the indications are that solutions chosen will be inadequate for airport traffic. The critical one is a proposed

link road from the M11 at Redbridge to Hackney, where a joint working party of GLC,

plan for old

By John Young Planning Reporter

Bristol station

Rlans have been announced

to adapt the original Temple

Meads railway station in

Bristol, which was designed by

sambard Kingdom Brunel, to

house a permanent exhibition

of works by him and other eminent Victorian engineers and architects.

The station, built in 1840, is

the earliest large main-line ter-

minal to have survived unal-

tered and is listed Grade 1. It

adjoins the present station and was declared redundant in the

The British Rail Property Board has agreed to lease the building for the next year at a

peppercorn rent to the Bruncl Engineering Centre Trust and

has undertaken to help with fund-raising. If the funds are forthcoming a permanent lease

Mr Anthony Byrne, honorary secretary of the trust, said yesterday that it planned to use the entire site, including the offices, which are empty, the saudthe and the train shed now

vaults and the train shed, now

temporarily used as a car park.

Two Metropolitan Police detectives accused of corruption were remanded in custody for three days at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Det Constable Paul Rextrew,

aged 27, of the Flying Squad, of Courtwood Lane, Croydon, and Det Constable Michael Bradbury

Ross, aged 30, of Hastings Road,

Bromley, Kent, are charged with accepting inducements of £1,500 and of demanding the

same amount with menaces.

Two detectives

remanded

will be negotiated.

local boroughs is working on out-dated projections of not 50 million, but four million passengers a year through Asked how they proposed to

provide for traffic between central London and Stansted, the GLC replied significantly by referring to a "preferred route for keeping traffic out of London", namely the M25 outer orbital motorway which should orbital motorway, which should be completed in the mid-1980s. People wanting to drive from Stansted to central London, GLC spokesman said, could turn westward along the M25 to

the MI and down the Edgware Road, or farther round to Heathrow and in on the M4. Traffic for south London could connect with the A2 south of the Thames via the proposed east London river crossing. other possible routes would be the improved North Circular Road or by the proposed Hackney link and the Blackwall Tunnel to the South Circular

Brunel exhibition | Cars stolen to sell abroad

From Arthur Osman

Birmingham

for cannabis, Crown says

The activities of what was and Mr Treborne deny an

described as a "skilful well additional conspiracy charge, international gang of carthieves and drug smugglers" deny conspiracy over the pos-

The hiatus between Government and the GLC can be partly explained by the fairly recent decision to choose Stansted as London's third airport, and partly by the GLC's determination to go on fighting that decision.

"We are opposed to Stan-sted; we still want Maplin", a GLC spokesman said,

But if the development of Stansted goes ahead, and north-east London is not to suffer from unendurable traffic blight, much more substantial road construction than the GLC en-visages will be inevitable,

"We accept that road access at the moment is inadequate", a department spokesman said. but it is difficult to assess how to cope until we know more of the design and layout of the new airport. At the moment we are looking at it on our own;
"We expect about 10 per cent

of the 50 million passengers a year through Stansted to travel between central London and

and oil. Mr Leonard, Mr Foy

Mr Cox said that the first

three defendants were mem-

bers of an international gang

which incluuded British, Irish,

There was no evidence that any came to the United Kingdom.

Mr Cox said that although the gang had no leader as such, there was a principal organizer, an American named

Samuel George from Idaho, In

the words of one defendant

"Sam is an evil, no-good villain", who was sought by several police forces throughout the world for drug smuggling and car thefts.

On December 22, 1978, Mr

George was found dead in a garret in Paris and had false English identity document with him. Before his death he had

session of UK passports.

closes schools

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

A strike by teachers in Warwickshire due to begin today may be averted after a provisional agreement reached yesterday by the National Union of Teachers and the Warwickshire Education Authority. But a half-day strike planned by NUT members in Ealing, west London, is expected to go

A half-day strike by NUT members is due to take place in Nottingham and south Nottingharshire tomorrow in protest against the suspension of a primary school teacher who refused to teach 40 nursery children in one class.

Nuneaton, was reinstated three days after the half-day strike, which had been held in protest against the cutback of supply teachers in the county, but the reprimand remained.

reached yesterday by the Warwickshire authority and NUT national, regional and local officials has to be ratified by the Milby school governors today. Details of the agreement have not yet been released, but it is known that it covers the main points of contention, namely the docking of salaries, the reprimanding of Mr Hol-brook and future provision of

be sent home today for part of the afternoon when NUT members strike in protest against the proposed sale of a comprehensive school to the Church of England. The church has no secondary school in the

Divorce for singer

NUT action

st London, is expected to go

anead.

Meanwhile, thousands of schoolchildren in Avon and Trafford continue to be sent home for part of the day because of the refusal by some NUT members in Avon, and by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers in Trafford, to teach a new timetable introduced in the middle of the school year.

A half-day strike by NUT

Warwickshire NUT members

had threatened to go on strike from today in protest against the proposed docking of teachers' pay involved in a half-day strike on November 14, and in support of a headmaster who was suspended and reprimanded after refusing to inform his staff that the halfday strike would constitute a breach of contract.

The provisional agreement

In Ealing thousands of children in the authority's 16 secondary schools may have to

legal advice by phone

Trust aims

to offer

Computer-based systems giv-ing access to legel information mg access to legal information are to be promoted by a new charinable trust, the National Law Labrary, which was been set up by the Law Society of England and Wales, other legal institutions and the Society for Computers and Law. The trust was inaugurated last night at a reception at the Law Society's Hall, London. Its president is Lord Scarman.

Among the trust's main objectives are "to further the sound development, administration and knowledge of the law; m advance education therein and to promote research ... to establish and operate, or to assist, advise or provide services in connexion with the vices in connexion with the establishment and operation of legal information retrieval services based on computer recharaliability of the law both to nology so as to improve the the legal profession and to the public at large. ..."

Specifically, it plans to run a pilot project this year in which a database of tax information will be accessible to selected trial users through the public telephone network. That will be done pointly with one or more publishers or computer bureaux.

Tax law was chosen as the subject for the pilot project because it is a self-continued, important area of the law, is widely referred to by lawyers, accountants and others, is based on a broad base of material and needs frequent updating. By tackling such a subject on

that bahis, it is expected that many of the practical difficul-ties and standards involved in legal databases generally will be exposed.

The executive arm of the trust is a wholly owned limited company. The National Law Library Ltd, whose chairman is Mr David Andrews. The Law Society of England and Wales will make an initial £60,000 grant to the trust; further sup-port is promised from other sources and an appeal for funds will be launched shortly.

Former minister may ask for sealed papers By Our Social Services

Mr Alfred Morris, former Labour minister for the dis-abled, is considering asking Mrs Margaret Thatcher to treat him as a special case by relets-ing sealed papers to him on the ground that they have been referred to publicly by his suc-The papers are the work of a team of officials appointed by Mr Morris, Labour MP for Man-

chester, Wythenshawe, when he was minister. His successor, Mr Reg Prentice, Minister for Social Security, referred to the papers ay strike would constitute a when he told the all-party dis-reach of contract.

Mr Charles Holbrook, head he team had been disbanded.

The team had been disbanded.

Normal parties when govern ments change is for the previous administration's papers to be sealed. Former ministers can have access to the papers but can retrieve the information only by copying it down with their own hand. The papers Mr Morris wants were lengthy and detailed, as the officials had virtually completed their work on proposals for a green paper on a comprehensive disability income scheme.

"It is highly unusual for an incoming minister to refer to the work of his predecessor", MrMorris said yesterday. "The present minister has publicly referred to the work and he must, therefore, have been made aware of it by officials in the department."

Two remanded on robbery charges

Two men facing charges including conspiracy and robberies involving large amounts of cash were remanded in custody for a week at West London Magistrates' Court yes-

They are Raymond Parkins, aged 40, a guillotine operator, of Wolesley Close, Crayford, Kent, and David Gleeson, aged 27 37, a director, of Ryculff Square, Blackheath, London.

Gondola of Ruskin's day plies Lake Coniston again

That remarkable example of floating Victorian elegance and ingenuity, the Steam Yacht Gondola, is due to slip back into her home waters of Lake Coniston on March 25, having been restored to her original glory from a half-wrecked, semi-sunken condition in just Coniston

been cancelled and that their

SY Gondola, 85ft long and originally licensed to carry 225 passengers, was launched in 1859 for the Furness Railway Company, which was then opening up the attractions of the Lake District to the nation at

The vessel, which was built in sections in Liverpool and transported to the lake by rail and horse and cart, was so named because her hull shape did, and still does, resemble the did, and still does, resemble the general lipes of the traditional Venetian craft. Instead of a lusty gondolier as power plant, however, she had a V-twin rylinder 16hp steam engine, said to have been almost maudible even at full revolutions, which importaints a good in which ignominiously ended its days driving a sawmill at Ulverston.

Regional report

John Chartres

She plied the four-mile-long lake for 80 years, acting not only as pleasure-tripper but as a well patronized ferry service between various village jetties. She served through five reigns and in one year, 1906, carried 22,445 passengers. When the Second World War

when the second work was brought an end to her daily voyages, which had been men-tioned with affection by such chroniclers of the Lake District chromatiers of the Lake District scene as Arthur Ransome, Thomas Carlyle and John Ruskin, she was first reduced to the status of houseboat and, finally, deliberately half sunk by her last owner at the southern end of the lake to protect her from vandals.

The restoration work has

west region of the National Trust and an appeal committee headed by Lord Rochdale has so far raised £75,000 of the £100,000 target.

National Trust officials and others among the large com-munity of historic steamboat munity of historic steamboat enthusiasts in the Lake District refloated her in 1977 and gin-gerly towed her to the northern end of the lake (with axes at the ready in case she sank finally in deep water and dragged the towing craft down with her). Preliminary restora-tion work then began at Conis-ton Hall. ton Hall.

One of the main tasks, the replacement of her original "Low
Moor iron" plates has been
carried out at Vickers shipyard,
Barrow-in-Furness, and much of
what yachtsmen call "TLC"
(Tender Loving Care) is now
being applied to rebuilding her
ornate saloons, of which the
first-class one was the height of
contemporary elegance in blue contemporary elegance, in blue and white decor, custioned and carpeted in the style of Queen Victoria's royal train.

A copy of the original engine is being built by Locomotion Enterprises Ltd, of Gateshead, the small company which is earning an international reputation for its work on copies of the earliest steam locomotives

and is embarking on the restora-tion of HMS Warrior.

Three new jettles are about to be built on the lake, a regu-lar supply of suirable coal has been organized, a master ap-pointed (Captain Peter Gaukpointed (Captain Peter Gaukroger, a former big ship
Merchant Navy officer), and
she is due to begin scheduled
services again on July 1. There
will probably be three or four
round-the-lake trips a day at a
fare of about f1.50.

The final cost is likely to
exceed the £100,000 first envisaged herause of inflation and

aged, because of inflation and unexpected snags that nearly unexpected snags that nearly all such ventures encounter. A final appeal is about to be launched, supported by an EP record made by a local folk group called the Bag o' Rags, extolling the virtues of a vessel which the National Trust describes as "a survivor from the grand days of elegance afloat",

France, Italy, Greece, Turkey and some in the Middle East, American, Dutch, Canadian, it was alleged, and expensive cars were stolen to sell for money and cannabis resin and cannabis oil. German and Spanish people. By using forged documents and passports they stole expen-Mr Brian Escott, QC, for the sive cars in Europe and drove them to the Middle East " with

were outlined at Birmipgham

The countries in which they operated included Holland,

Crown Court yesterday.

prosecution, told of a heavily defended cannabis farm at Basibek, Lebanon; of the skills astonishing ease and fre-of a man talled "The Magi-cian". who, he said, "could make things disappear, in this case large quantities of the into a car boot with a false floor, and liquid cannabis oil into the wishbone of a car's suspension system".

Four men and a woman before the court were: Keith Anthony Leonard, aged 25, of Brandwood Park Road, King's Heath, Birmingham; Michael Foy, aged 29, of Moorland Mews, Islington, London; Colin John Treharne, aged 28, of Heol Pendysus, Penrhys, Mid Glamorgan, and Robert John Ashton, aged 24, and his wife Lynda Ann Ashton, aged 23, of Version Bond Villena Mid Yayswen Road, Ynyswen, Mid

Glamorgan.

All five denied conspiring English identity document with together and with others to assist in the commission of run the Branderij hostel in offences against the laws of Amsterdam, with his wife, countries on the prohibition Francine. That was the gang's and regulation of the import headquarters:

Miss Elaine Delmar, the singer, was granted a decree nist in the London Divorce Court yesterday after a separation of more than two years from her busband, Mr Ian and regulation of the import

Government's £500,000 grant for farm By Our Planning Reporter

The Government bus agreed to advance £500,000 to the Nature Conservancy Council for acquisition of Scotland Lodge Farm, near Salisbury Wiltshire, said to be one of the most important chalk downland sites in Britain.

The 1,000-acre farm, which has been managed by traditional methods, contains a variety of grasses and flowering plants that were once widespread in the region but elsewhere have been largely eliminated by ploughing and agricultural chemicals. The will of the late Robert Wales gave the council an option to buy the freehold at an advantageous price.

David Bedford banned David Bedford, aged 30, the former Olympic ethlete, of Torrington Park, North Finchley, London, was fined £500 and banned from driving for a year at Highgate Magistrates' Court driving with almost three times the legal limit of alcohol in his

Man in the news: Why NF chief who hoped to lift party's fortunes resigned John Tyndall, the quiet fascist leader

earlier generations, he has succeeded through a combina-tion of rabble-rousing oratory and cool organization in his aim of getting the National Front into the headlines even if he has never managed to make it look like a respectable

make it look like a respectable political party.

Mr Tyndall has always made much of his desire to establish the National Front as the fourth party in British politics, dedicated to winning power through the ballot box, and he has tried to play down his own flirtation with neo-Nazi groups in the past. He has, however remained re-He has, however, remained remarkably consistent in his advocacy of nationalism, white supremacy and anti-communism. The son of an Irish Protestant Society and his who settled in Britain in the which led to the f 1920s and became a YMCA the National Front.

Like some others of his generation, he found it difficult to settle after the discipline of national service, during which he was a lance-bombardier in the Royal Horse Artillery. Then, in 1956, at the age of 22, he joined the League of Empire Loyalists and found an echo of his own views in the writings of their leader, A. K. Chesterton. During the 1960s he was involved in both the British National Party and Colin Jordan's National Socialist Movement, which he left in 1964 to form his own Greater Britain Movement.

In 1967 he was involved in the behind-the-scenes negotia-tions between the Empire Loyalists, the British National Party, the Racial Preservation Society and his own group, which led to the formation of

By Ian Bradley

John Tyndall, who on Sunday announced his resignation after more than six years as chairman of the National Front, has been a quieter and less charismatic leader of British fascism than either Sir Oswald Mosley or Mr Colin Jordan.

Although he has not become a household name in the way that Mosley and Jordan did to earlier generations, he has succeeded through a combination of rabble-rousing orestory in the great in describing of the past.

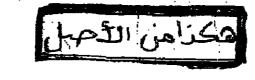
administrator, Mr Tyndall first working first from his developed his overpowering mother's house in south London, and, after his marriage in 1977 from his home on the Sussex coast, Mr Tyndall into the British race and believed it important to carry on the great imperial heritage of the past.

Like some others of his gentation, he found it difficult to earlier generations, he has succeeded through a combination of rabble-rousing orestory. organizer, and the refusal of the part's directorate to give him the powers which he feels he needs to reverse a steady decline in membership and to heal damaging splits in the

party.

Since the election, in which the National Front obtained a derisory 0.6 per cent of the poll despite fielding 303 candidates, morale has been low and the party has come near to splintering into a number of factions.

Mr Tyndall believes he is the only man who can restore its only man who can restore its ailing fortunes. It remains to be seen whether the members's agree with him and will restored him to the chairmanship by backing his cast for greater powers against the rollog of the directorage.



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advice BMA letting public see Gallery for its code of ethics for guiding doctors

Health Services Correspondent For the first time in 125 ears the code of ethics framed by the British Medical Association for the guidance of doctors is being made available to the public this week.

Dr Michael Thomas, chairman of the association's ethical committee, said yesterday that one reason was that a more trouved sealing and the same than we say that the same than the say that the same than the same t knowledgeable and better educated public needed to know "the rules under which the game was played". That would give parients more confidence.

The new code recognizes in a foreword that contemporary medical ethics, while retaining some of the etiquette of an carlier era, is faced with new and ever more complex prob-

That is exemplified in a sec-tion headed "Ethical dilem-mas", which sets out general principles about which a consensus has not been reached. In that section the code examines reduction of services to patients, a nettle for doctors because of the cuts in services

forced by lack of money. a doctor to work for patients on the ground that adequate conditions are lacking is not industrial action but the performance of duty. Such action would constitute action not against, but on behalf of,

is always; unethical for a pro-fessional man to withdraw his services, which in the view of many is the only effective weapon available to him when persuasion fails, are in danger of accepting for doctors a position of subservience to their employers that would eventually preclude them from maintaining their professional standards", the code says.

The desire not to harm patients by direct action may then result in harming them by doing nothing.

The profession should require the state not to renegue on its social responsibilities and the state should not require doctors to renegue on their ethical responsibilities.

A dilemma that seemed likely to persist was that the two sets of responsibilities were occasionally incompatible, if

not in direct conflict.
Under allocation of resources, which recognizes that those for the NHS are finite, the code says that if as a result of restrictions the overall cono patients, a nettle for doctors divious in which a doctor is required to practise in the NHS fell below a minimal level of acceptability to him, he might feel that it would be the ground that acceptability to patients. might feel that it would be unethical to continue to advise patients in a difficult situation which was not his fault. Handbook of Medical Ethics (British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JP. £3 to non-members, £1 to members, post free).

Turners will adjoin

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter

the Tate

A permanent gallery to house the Turner Bequest is to be established by 1984 on a site adjoining the Tate Gallery. The Clore Foundation has made a £5m donation, Professor Alan Bowness, the gallery's director,

announced yesterday.

Professor Bowness said after meeting representatives of the Turner Society that the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital sire would be used

Although the uniting of all Turner's works under one roof would be the culmination of a campaign that has lasted many years, the Turner Society wants the collection to be housed for now at Somerset House. It says gallery might not be ready for 10 years.
The society is also concerned

about maintenance and running costs of the gallery, although the Government has said that it was ready to pay in principle. The Office of Arts and Libraries said last night: "The Government is obviously most gratified by the Clore offer. There are now a number of fac-tors that have to be considered and these are being examined." Turner's works are in several major museums; the Turner Society is now urging that there should be an independent board of trustees but that issue

is unresolved.

The society has promised to assemble a Turner library and a collection of engravings. The Government is understood to want all issues. In he resolved as quickly as possible.

Whitehall brief: Contingency plans for a freedom of information Act

£30m cost of sorting defence documents

By Peter Hennessy There are a handful of optimists who believe that eventually the Prime Minister will become converted to the cause of freedom of information either by a blatant example of maladministration or from a desire to enlist

public support against a resistant Whitehall machine wedded

Should that happen, Mrs Margaret Thatcher will find a fairly advanced scheme for in-troducing a public right of access to government information ready prepared in depart-mental files. For Whitehall last year took the threat of Mr Clement Freud's now defunct private member's Bill very seriously.

His Official Information Bill disappeared with the Callaghan Government. But, before its demise the official Cabinet Committee on Open Government, GEN 146, commissioned a series of departmental studies on how the right of public access, enshrined in Mr Freud's Bill, would be implemented if it

became law.
The transformation it would have wrought in Whitehall can now be gauged, thanks to an exemplary piece of open government by the Ministry of Defence, which has agreed to a request from The Times to be shown sections of its Freud contingency plan.

Defence is Whitehall's bigdepartment and its most gest department and its most prolific creator of paper. It has five million files in active use at any one time. Not all of them would have been liable



division of the United States' Freedom of Information Library in its reading room in the Pentagon in Washington.

number of exemptions, includ-ing sensitive "defence and

curity material". The Ministry assumed that if the Bill became law on January 1, 1980, it would have been allowed a year of grace before being obliged to release its material. That exercise, the study estimated, would have cost £25m and absorbed 1,200 man-years of Civil Service labour at the ministry's headquarters alone, with at least an equivalent effort at military and

Freud Bill, as it permitted a out the country. The study considered such an operation to be

If a staged implementation over a period of years had been permitted, the ministry judged the prospect less daunting, though the total cost would have been greater. The study also estimated that it would take two years to examine five years of back files once the sorting of current documents was complete. Thus it would have been the late 1980s before civilian establishments through- the ministry caught up with the

30-year rule and it would have cost £30m.

The prospect of the Freud Bill establishing such a retros-pective right of access to documents not normally releasable until 30 years had elapsed was one that haunted GEN 146. Officials were authorized to bargain with Mr Freud's team of advisers on the point, and dis-cussions were taking place when the Callaghan government lost its vote of confidence in April.

The effort planned by the Ministry of Defence would have meant little, even with Freud on the statute book, without a clear and convenient system for putting the material before the interested public. To that end, the ministry had tentative plans for a number of reading rooms in Whitehall and in certain regional centres.

Each would have had available, for immediate consulta tion, items common to the whole ministry like staff instructions and training schemes, other than those falling inside the exempt category, plus additional catalogues to assist the public in determining precisely the documents they required. Such catalogues would list only those documents that were available.

Sadly, the work came to an abrupt half in April when the general election was called. The ministry's plan had not even reached the sixth floor of its main building in White hall where ministers, permanent secretaries and chiefs of staff take final decisions on policy

Bequest of £300,000 to library 'a valid trust'

the Taylor Institution at Oxford University by Dr Theodore
Besterman, a Voltaire scholar,
to continue his life's work was
a valid charitable trust, Mr
Justice Slade ruled in the High Court yesterday.

The Judge dismissed arguments on behalf of Dr Besterman's widow, Mrs Marie-Louise Besterman, of Thorpe Mandeville House, Thorpe Mandeville, Banbury, Oxfordshire, challeng-ing the validity of the trust. Dr Besterman, who died in November, 1976, owned a valuable collection of books, manu-scripts and works of art concerning Voltaire and the Enlightenment. In his lifetime be presented many of them to

the library, He left his residuary estate on trust for the university to complete his research work on Voltaire, Rousseau and other

authors. At his death two specific projects were unfinished, a complete correspondence Rousseau, of which 10 of 42 volumes had been published. and the complete works of Voltaire in 150 volumes, of which 91 had been completed. Dr Besterman intended that his money should be used to finish these two items", the judge said.

On behalf of Mrs Besterman it was argued that the trust was not charitable because it involved the mere pursuit of knowledge without its com-

Labour challenge on pension shortfall

Social Services Correspondent Opposition MPs have tabled 14 amendments to the Social Security Bill, which begins its committee stage today, in an attempt to prevent the Government from breaking the earnings link with pension increases.

Their determination to empan barrass the Government has been intensified by the disclosure last week that the November pensions increase was 2 per

"There is no sign that the Government intends to make gets it wrong there is no duty good the shortfall, which makes it much more important that the link with earnings is not broken". Mr Stanley Orme, Labour spokesman on social services, said yesterday. "We intend to raise this issue very strongly during the committee

Mr Orme fears that if the Government succeeds in dropring the link with either earnings or prices the newly disclosed shortfall will never be made up. The previous shortfall sioners to share in increases in of 1.8 per cent under the Labour administration, in which Mr Orme was Minister for Social changed to prices only. Security, was made up last

Three die in fire

at National ·

Trust house

Mr Eric Rodgers and Mr Derek Liggins, the landlords, and Mrs Barbara Hiscock, died when fire destroyed their remote riverside public house yesterday. The three bodies were found by firemen in the ruined Anchor Inn at Eaton Hastings, Oxfordshire.

Brian Tremblen a partitime

Brian Tremblen, a part-time barman, left the three there late on Sunday night after discussing plans for the marriage on Suturday of Mr Liggins, a widower in his 50s, and Mrs Hiscock.

From Our Correspondent

Brian Tremblen, a part-time

mittee on the Bill, has tabled amendments seeking to impose a new duty on the Government to make good any shortfall in

He proposes that it should be done by paying pensioners a lump sum when the relevant figures become known, usually two months after an increase and then adding the appropriate proportion to pensions at the next increase.

"The only duty at present is to raise pensions by the amount of earnings or price increases, but if the Government to make good the shortfall." Mr Bennett said yesterday.

"Pensioners get very upset because increases are announced 22 weeks before they get the money. Paying a lump sum would get round that problem without raising technical diffi-

The Labour MPs also intend to press Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services to say how the Government intends to allow pen-

Mr Jenkin assured the Com-mons during the second reading Mr Andrew Bennett, Labour debate that the Government MP for Stockport, North, a meant pensioners to share in member of the standing com-

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heat to air your clothes.

Boy gets award for damage to eye in viewing eclipse

damages from his local educa-

and claimed that any injury terms, whe sustained was due to his in court

the court yesterday that the brown filter which Mr Gifford said he had used was "not

If your bedroom cools down quickly at night, perhaps you should sleep in your loft.

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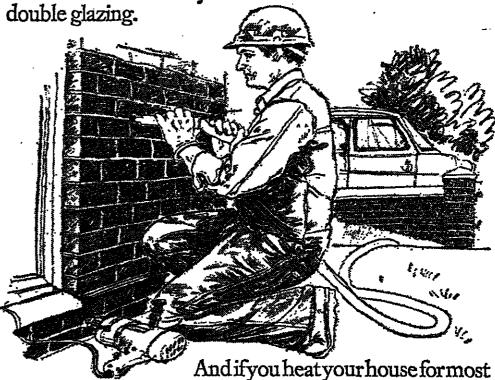
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The fire was spotted about 3.20 am by Pauling James, aged 17, in the neighbouring village of Kelmscott, half a mile away. Firemen believe a gas fire cylinder may have exploded, sending flames racing through the £40,000 mid-Victorian brick and timber Thamesside building owned by the National Trust.

A boy who was partially negligence in looking through blinded watching an eclipse of one filter instead of two, as the sun during a geography lesson is to receive undisclosed damages from his local education.

tion authority.

Ralph Gifford, now aged 19, suffered a burn on the retina of his right eye while looking at the eclipse through a smoked glass filter banded to him by his geography teacher at Napier Road School, Gillingham, Kent, in 1976.

An apprentice machinist, at Chatham docks, Mr Gifford, of Beechwood Avenue Rochester.

Chatham docks, Air Gilled, to Eeechwood Avenue, Rochester, sued Kent County Council in the High Court.

The council denied liability Justice Cantley on agreed that any injury terms, which were not disclosed terms.

Former Forest chief gets bail

on four charges of deception.

Mr Stuart Dryden, former chairman of Nottingham Forest Football Club, was released from jail yesterday pending an appeal against a six-month sentence imposed at Notting-nam Crown Court last Tuesday on four charges of deception.

Bail was granted by the Court of Apppeal in London. The application was referred to the court by Mr Justice Pain, sitting in chambers at Lincoln Crown Court, the day after the trial of Mr Dryden, of Trevor Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham,

| Mother, aged 16, of murdered baby is taken into care

The mother, aged 16, of a baby girl who was battered to death by her father was taken into care at Birmingham Crown Court today. She admitted causing the baby bodily harm. Mr Justice Stephen Brown criticized Birmingham social services department for allow-

ing the girl to continue living with the man after she had the baby. The judge said: " Matters of this sort cause great public concern. What has troubled me greatly is that this girl of only 15 was sent back to a situation

to live with a young man of 23 where further criminal of-fences could take place." fences could take place."

Last Friday the child's father, Robert Allen Haddon, aged 23, was jailed for life for the baby's murder. A pathologist said the baby's fractured skull had probably resulted from the child being picked up by her legs and her head dashed against a wall.

Steel strike causes firm to cancel investment in Wales

At least one industrial company had cancelled its planned investment programme in Wales because of the steel strike, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said during questions on his meetings with the Welsh TUC.

meetings with the Welsh TUC.

Sir Anthony Meyer (West Flint, C)—When he next meets Mr George Wright (General Secretary of the Welsh TUC) could he draw his attention to the remarkable.

As a result of the Government's the content of the Covernment's the covernme poll in The Times today which indicates that the overwhelming majority of trade unionists totally support the Government's proposals for amending trade union legislation?

Will be ask Mr Wright by what specific right he considers he can use the trade union movement of Wales to batter Government policies? Mr Edwards—I am sure Mr Wright will note the poli and those remarks. If the trade union move-ment in Wales takes that action it will have a damaging effect on business and job prospects in

Mr Alec Jones, chief Opposition pokesman on Wales (Rhoudda, Lab)—When he meets the Welsh TUC, will he explain to Mr Wright and the overwhelming number of trade unionists in Wales the beneins which have accrued to Wales as a consequence of Government as a consequence of Government policies of seriously eroding regional policy, closing skill centres, cutting the Welsh Development Agency budget by some 30 per cent and now proposing savagely to axe steel and coal and those industries which supply steel

and coal? The Welsh TUC and the people of Wales demand a reversal of present Government policy and action to prevent the deindustriali-cation of south Wales.

Mr Edwards-If we are to prevent Wales and Britain as a whole. British and Wolsh industry must be competitive and be manned at the level of our competitors overseas.

It is no service to British industry to think we can put off the

Minister not

The British Library should be able

Mr Michael Neubert (Havering, Romford, C! had asked the Chan-cellor of the Duchy of Lancaster what recent representations he has received on the relocation of the Reisida Lineage.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas (Chelmsford, C)—I have recently received a letter from the President of the Royal Society urging

that work on the new building in the Euston Road site should begin as soon as possible. I have also had

strong representation in favour of the new building from a number of

distinguished people involved with

Mr Neubert-Without pre-empting the work of the new select commit-

tee a project to resite the British

Library at a cost to public funds of 1200m, and the loss of the library's

use of the historic reading room is not entirely auspicious at this time.

Fir St John-Stevas-I am reviewing

this whole project, but the sum he mentioned is one that has to be considered over a number of years.

What is vital is the conservation of

ooks and the fact that the British

cervice of first rate quality not only to readers from this country, but scholars from all over the

Government

processions

studying law on

Citizens and tradesmen in the West Midlands would be protected from

She said that it would safeguard

ordinary people going oround the West Midlands. The promoters of

the Bill were annious to ensure

that any restrictions imposed by the Bill did not curtail freedom of

sneech or the freedom or sneech or the freedom to demon-scrate. By laying down clear guid-lines about what happened when is street demonstrations were planned the police would be able to protect those people and yet

there would be protection for people who wished to express their feelings in a demonstration.

Mr Leon Brittan, Minister of State,

Home Office (Cleveland and Whitby, C) said the new clause was

rightly described as a compromise He welcomed it and urged members to support it.

be given 72 hours before the start of a procession or as soon as reasonably practicable was a new formulation to deal with the prob-

lem of a procession which people wanted to start but which they had not made up their minds to start at a time when it would have been possible to give the full 72 hours notice that would otherwise be provided by the clause.

The circumstances in which a statement of the contract of the contract of the circumstances.

provided by the clause.

The circumstances in which a particularly spontaneous procession would arise were not quite as widespread as one might think, because it was necessary to organize a procession and to agree that our should sale place.

that one should take place.

It would therefore be possible, we thought, in all cases to give some degree of notice.

The question whether there should be a national provision of acceptance of processions was an im-

notices of processions was an important point being considered by the Government in the review of public order legislation.

The clause was approved and the report stage concluded.

The Bees Bill passed the remaining stages.

The provision that notice should

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guarantee

cult decisions have to be taken. There is good evidence for thinking that because other countries have acted more quickly to face up to changes in the industrial pattern, their steel industries are stronger than ours to face the chal-

has a result of the steel industry, by insisting on cash limits and unrealistic break-even dates, the impact on the Welsh economy could be the loss of as many as 30,000 or 35,000 jobs.

Mir Edwards—He says he and others are good judges of the views of trade union members. I note the trade union did not seek to consult the views of the members before launching the present strike which is doing great damage to the south Wales economy.

We know of at least one indus-

We know of at least one indus-trial company that has already can-celled its planned investment programme because of the strike.

The British steel industry, management and unions, have to organize so that they can compete in a competitive world.

Mr Alan Williams, for the Oppusition (Swanser, West, Lab)—The company to which he referred would have gone ahead with its project months ago had he not altered regional policy necessitating renegotiation of the package. That company has one of the best industrial relations records in Wales.

The American management had indicated prior to Christmas they were considering cancelling the project because of the downturn in the British economy.

Mr Edwards—I can confirm that we were able to produce no new criteria for selective financial assistance which would have ena-bled that project to go ahead. The management of that project has said their reason for not going ahead is the present industrial chaos and strikes in Wales.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Competition Bill.
Tomaining stages. Motion on Community documents on European Court

Secretary of State for Wales denies regional policy has been abandoned

work in the Principality.

Interest rates and much of the economic difficulties erose from the excessive spending of the Labour government and their failure to take the necessary action when the time was right, said Mr Edwards. Edwards.

He said that on December 6, 1979, there were 85,177 people out of work in Wales compared with 38,424 in February 1974, and 83,024

in May 1979. Mr David Knox (Leek, C)—These-figures reflect badly on the last Labour government. Why does he think unemployment more than doubled in Wales under the last Government?

Mr Edwards (Pembroke, C)—Un-employment went from 38,000 to a peak of 101,000 under the last Gov-

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Pl Cymru)—Does he fear this figure is going to double again as a result

It ill-behoved Labour MPs to give of what is happening in the Weish that the NEB should be released lectures on unemployment, Mr economy now—the rundown of the from the commitment they gave to steel industry and the consequent me that the project would go to an State for Wales, said when questioned about the number out of the withdrawal of regional policy Mr Edwards—I would not be so

and the general collapse of employment in all directions? Mr Edwards-When we came into office the underlying trend was rising and at a time of world reces. sion and economic difficulties there is a likelihood that unem-ployment figures will rise.

I cannot accept that there has been an abandonment of regional policy. There is an effective regional policy being concentrated on the areas in greatest need. on the areas in greatest need.

Mr Alan Williams, an Opposition.

spokesman on Waies (Swansea,

West, Lab)—Since Mr Edwards
deplores the increase in unemployment under the last administration, will he give a categoric
assurance that he will not allow
levels of unemployment to exceed
those reached under the previous
administration?

In relation to Immos which was

administration?
In relation to Inmos which was possibly going to come to Cardiff, one of the three shortlisted sites, was he consulted and did he agree

Mr Edwards—I would not be so foolish as to give firm forecasts on foolish as to give firm forecasts on future unemployment. As to Inmos, no Government decision has been made on that matter. Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea, Rast, Lab)—It is not the fact that the underlying trend may have been mowards when the Government came to power but that everything it has done since in relation to coal, high interest rates and high exchange rates conspires to make the position worse.

Mr Nicholas Rudgen (Wolver.

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolver-hampton, South-West, C)—It is perhaps doubtful whether the Immos project will succeed anyway, but it will almost certainly fail if it is located for any regional or political reason.

Mr Edwards—I make no comment on the likely success of the pro-ject. There are extremely attrac-tive industrial sites in the region and there is no reason if it is going to succeed anywhere, why it should

Fears of 'industrial desert' in South Wales deplored by Mr Edwards

and he thought necessary.

and he thought necessary.

Mr Donald Coleman (Neath, Lsb)—Last week 10,155 workers in Wales from Port Talbot and Llanwern learned they were going to lose their jobs, while thousands of other workers in the coal mining industry are to lose theirs as a result of these decisions. Has he had any discussion at board level or local level on these decisions?

Will he set up a task force Will he set up a task force urgently to deal with what will be the most disastrous unemployment

that Wales has had, and South Wales in particular, since the war? Mr Edwards-The news of the proposed reduction at Lianwern and Port Talbot was first made before Christmas. Last week's anneauxe-ment involved fewer reductions than in the earlier options that were being considered. I can confirm that the chairman of the Bri-rish Steel Corporation came to see me before announcing the option

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said he deplored continued suggestions that decisions about the steel industry would turn South Wales into an industrial desert.

Asked when he next proposed to meet the chairmen of the national industries to discuss their operations in Wales. Mr Edwards (Pembroke, C) said meetings were arranged whenever the chairmen and he thought necessary.

Americans are likely to gain the technological information which the centre has? Will he tell the chairman that the redundancies and job losses at Shotton, nearly \$,000, are unacceptable?

Mr Edwards—I will inquire of the chairman about the points he has raised. The future of the excellent plant that remains at Shotton depends on their ability to sell their products. Industrial disruption can only do damage to the future of the plant.

Mr Dennii Davies (Llanelli, Lab)—The Government's plans for the

Mr Dennii Davies (Llanelli, Lab)—
The Government's plans for the steel industry especially the unrealistic break-even point, will destroy the Welsh economy and turn South Wales into an industrial wasteland.
Will the Government raise the break-even point so that the problems of the steel industry can be looked at in a rational and sensible way?

management is producing their plans is because of the need to be competitive in a world market and to sell steel. It is their assessment announced.

amounced.

I deplore the continued suggestion that however difficult these decisions will be, and I do not underestimate the consequences, they will turn South Wales into an industrial desert. I do not believe that is helpful.

believe that is helpful.

Mr Alec Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales (Rhondda. Lab)—If he holds that view on import controls, could he explain why he wrote the letter to the Wales TUC saying there was a time and place when unemployment might be so high as to demand import controls?

Surely the figures we have in steel and coal indicates that the struction in Wales is not as hopeful as he seems to think?

as he seems to think? Mr Edwards The letter written

from my office, not by me, to the Wales TUC, did not indicate that the steel situation was appropriate to that kind of temporary control to meet a temporary situation, particularly where there was unfair competition by overseas importers. That has been the position

Need to ensure people of northern region get equal access to necessities of life

to give a first rate service to British readers and scholars from all over the world. Mr Normen St John-Stevas, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said during Commons questions on the arts. The outlook for the northern for job creation in the region and region was potentially disastrous, the body to do that should be the northern development agency. Thornaby, Labi said when he Thornaby, Lab) said when he opened a debate on the problems of the region. If the national forecast, now being made proved correct, the present unemployment in the region of 117,000 might be increasing towards 150,000.

an order not fully appreciated in the south. At the core of the problems was the persistently high level of unemployment

unemployment in the region-117,000 men and womenwas 8.5 per cent, compared with 5.5 per cent for the country. That meant it was 55 per cent higher than the national average.

There had always been a wide gap between regional and national

levels but the gap was widening and in the past decade there had been more than 20,000 per year in traditional industries. Areas like Hartlepool and Consett had an even higher unemployment level.

In the region there were 10 unemployed people for every
vacancy whereas in Britain as a whole there were only five.

The outlook is potentially disastrous the said) and I believe that we may be going up from 117,000 towards 150,000 in the region if the national forecasts come about.

The Government had forecast a drop in private and public investacting caught in street processions and demonstrations by a new c'ause to the West Midlands County Council Bill Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C), said in moving the new clause during the report stage of the Bill.

She said that it would safeguard ment and there was also a substantial drop in national economic growth.

In its nige months in office, the Covernment had not dealt with the problems at all, but exacerbated them. The Government had made a direct attack on the help given to the region in its July 1979 measures by cutting regional assistance.

In the light of the evidence and of the needs of the northern region, the Government should reconsider the designation of areas and the level of grants for areas which were substantially above the average unemployment for the

He hoped the minister would and others for the development of EEC funds for the regions. The Covernment should also maintain policies to redistribute public expenditure in favour of the

He hoped the Government would be able to make an announcement on the establishment of a northern

financial and other support were needed to belp revive the region.

Mr William Elliott (Newtastle upon Tyne, North C) said the problems of the region remained mainly those of declining industry, He said that the region and its 3.6.3,000 people had suffered greater economic and social deprivation than any other part of Great Britain for virtually the whole of the last decade. How much longer could that state of affairs be allowed to go on and get worse over the coming years?

The country was largely two nations, with the north suffering economic and social deprivation of the management and workers at every language to declining industry, not just mining but shipbullding, heavy engineering and now steel. The CBI report out today suggested that 2,500,000 new jobs were needed in this country in the northern region. He welcomed that report, particularly its suggestion that there must be full cooperation between management and workers at every language.

> cooperation.
> It was essential to get the size of dustries right and no use imagining that the taxpayer and successful industry could go on maintaining unsuccessful industry at its present size. The fact had to be faced that there would have to be smalled work forces, especially in

heavy industry. Mr Thomas Urwin (Houghton-le-Spring, Lab) said it was a delibera-tely provocative decision by BSC to offer steelworkers a derisory 2 per cent. It had precipitated a strike which would gravely affect the economy. A northern development agency was needed. The area particularly needed coordination. Mr David Watkins (Consett, Lab)

said the closure of Consett steel-works would have devastating con-sequences for the fabric of life of an entire community. This was an indefensible action. The thousands who would be deprived of their livelihood were taxpayers so the Government would be depriving Profits made at this steelworks in the last four months of 1979 had been running at a rate of some had the community. This betrayal been rewarded with a betrayal. So 22m a year. Now the workers had amounted to sheer depravity.

Mr John Lee (Nelson and Coine. or John Lee (Nelson and Coine. C.) said the Opposition were obsesse with grants, development agencies and government subsidies. They failed to realize that the majority of businesses were essentially created by the drive, initiative and effort of one man, or possible two.

possibly two.

One encouraging factor in the economy was the rate at which small, modern factory units were being taken up. He was pleased the Government was encouraging smaller businesses.
Rising unemployment in the regions, particularly where there was a substantial minority com-

munity, proved fertile ground for extremism, whether of the left or the right. In the last week his own constituency had been subjected to development agency for which MPs had long been pressing. There was urgent need for this body which should have substantial initial capital.

MPs wanted to see a focal point the right. In the last week his own constituency had been subjected to a considerable leaflet campaign by the National Front. This was a most unpleasant start to the 1980s for his constituents. Mr Eruest Armstrong (Durham, North-West, Lab) said that during the last war the coalidon govern-ment considered the kind of society they wanted after the war. They came to the conclusion that it was economically sensible and socially just to make sure the gap between the regions was broned

They were determined to stop the population drift and give people growing up in the northern region equal access to the necessities of life and to those things which made for the quality of life. No longer would they tolerate the breaking up of communities and the destruction of family life that unemployment had brought to the northern region in the 20s and 30s. They were determined to ston

Since the war successive governments, with varying degrees of success and enthusiasm, had followed that policy. He was concerned that today there was a growing feeling in the northern region that the Government had turned its back on that policy and turned its back on people in the northern region.

The obsession with monetary The obsession with monetary policy and with market forces had

lead the Government to forget al-together about social justice. Regional policy was not a short-term expedient, it had to be a continuing and integral part of Government policy.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said the abandonment of development aid for areas which badly needed it might be easier to understand it the Government had succeeded in creating a different industrial climate upon which it based its claim for making the They needed aids to bring busi-

ness into areas where there was substantial unemployment. They should not have been abandoned. They needed a more coherent approach to small businessmen who had had their expectations shattered. Many of them had been taken in by the Conservatives when in opposition and had believed there would be a tremendous change in the climate for them. The northern region was an area

in which people were prepared to work if they could see a reasonable result from it. There would be massive social problems if the north-east were in effect closed in regard to industrial prosperity. Mr Donald Dixon (Jarrow, Lab) said his constituency still bore the scars and the memories of the 1930s and the same philosophy pur-sued then was being shown today by the Government.

by the Government.

It was unbelievable that the present administration was to cut back on schemes for youth employment. The youth of today were not so steeped in democracy that they would accept the solutions of the 1930s to the problems of the 1980s.

Mr. Robert Brane (Newschlaus Mr Robert Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne, West, Lab) said closure after closure during the past 12 months had almost made his constituency a disaster area.

At the dictate of the Government the Management Services Commis-sion were cutting out 33 per cent

of the places to rehabilitation centres, but more places were needed in them to give people who had had long periods of unemploy-ment confidence to face a new job. ment confidence to face a new job.

Mr Mark Lemon-Boyd (Morecambe and Lonsdale, C) said that it was usually the people who had no business experience who suggested that the north should be made a development area. Those who did know about business did not advocate development area status because it was an excuse for doing nothing about the problem. At worst it became a drain on public funds and a gross addition to an overweighted bureaucracy.

bureaucracy. Mr Giles Radice (Chester-le-Street new technological industries. The Immos decision was a slap in the

face for the north. Mr David Clark (South Shields. Lab) said public expendingre meant quality of life. In an area of massive deprivation, and the DHSS's own investigation showed that the north was the most deprived area, public expenditure

was vital. Mr Keith Hampson (Ripon, C) said the heart of the trouble was not just regional. There was something

wrong with the manufacturing in-dustry as a whole. There was a problem in the north in terms of the levels of skill—the appelling level of those who did not, after they left school, reenter the education and training

Mr John Cunningham, an Opposition spokesman on industry (Whitehaven, Lab), said that no arguments could be advanced or sus-tained which would convince anyone on the Labour side that the problems would be resolved by notions would be resolved by parket forces. Regional policies had not solved

the problems but had made a pos-tive and necessary contribution. Given the difficulties of the economy and the world recession. this was the worst time to diminish regional support to an area like the Mr David Mitchell, Under Secre-

tary for Industry (Basingstoke, C), said he shared the concern about high and sustained level of unemmgn and sustained level of them, ployment in the northern region. What stood out was the serious increase in unemployment over the last five years—the figure for the region more than doubled between 1974 and 79—and the chronic and deep seated nature of the underlying problems.

The Government inherited a sit-

The Government inherited a situation on assisted area policy in which the aid was spread too thirdy and too wide to be effective. Forty per cent of the country had assisted area status.

The Government had sought to concentrate assistance on the areas of greater need. Areas having assisted area status had been reduced to 25 per cent of the country. This meant those which remained assisted stood out and became more attractive than before. Special development areas had also been singled out.

The debate was concluded.

A decision about the future of the temporary short-time working compensation scheme would be

Seven representations had been received asking for the scheme to be extended, and one suggesting

Mr Walker firm on farm price freeze

WEST EUROPE.

From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Jan 21
Mr Peter Walker, the
Minister of Agriculture, said
here today that Britain here today that Britain started from the position that farmers' support prices should remain frozen at their currer level over the coming year in the case of products in surplus. A demand by EEC farmers

for a 7.9 per cent price rise to offset production costs was described by Mr Walker as "not on", but he declined to give an assurance that Britain would not accept any price rise

for surplus products.

Farmers claim that they have suffered a decline in real income for several years while workers in other sectors of EEC economies have continued to enjoy real wage increases despite inflation and recession. Mr Walker's determination

the "green pound".

Mr Peter Walker, the Agriculture Minister, left, listens to his Italian counterpart, Signor Giovanni Marcora, seated, before the EEC agricultural ministers meeting in Brussels

the "green pound".

The green pound is the artificial exchange rate used for converting the EEC's common farm prices into national currency. Successive devaluations plus the appreciation of sterling have reduced the gap between the green pound and the real pound almost to zero.

Mr Finn Olay Gundelsch, the Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Agriculture Commissioner,

is expected to propose a two to

three per cent increase in support prices for the 1980-81 marketing year early next month, partly to sweeten the pill of other cost-saving meas-ures he wants member states to accept These measures mainly in-

volve a special tax on milk production in excess of this quotas limiting the amount of sugar production covered by price guarantees. Mr Gundelach also wants to limit price sup-port for beef.

Mr Walker and other EEC agriculture ministers had a to hold the line on a price second round of discussions on freeze this year could be these proposals here today, but

weakened by the fact that there it was clear that member states is now little room left to were disinclined to take up firm secure price rises for British positions in advance of Mr farmers through devaluation of Gundelach's price proposals.

Commenting on the discussions, Mr Walker said that Mr Gundelach had promised to make changes in the proposals to meet criticisms that had been raised. Britain dislikes the measures because it considers that its own more efficient farmers will be disproportionately penalized.

Mr Walker also disclosed that the European Commission had given France three days to end its prohibitive levies on imports of British lamb or else face action in the European Court of Justice. The Commission has already taken France to the court for banning lamb imports entirely. Britain was not seeking com

pensation in French courts for the damage caused by the lamb. restrictions because it con-sidered that it was up to the European Commission to protect the Rome Treaty, Mr Walker said.

"This is not an Anglo-French .! dispute, this is a dispute between the EEC as a whole and one member state who is violating the laws", he added.

Prague deprives author's wife of her nationality

Vienna. Ian 21 against the Czechoslovak Governments decision to de-prive him of his nationality.

Mr Kohout has been informed of the decision by the Czechoslo-vak Embassy in Vienna and has also been told that his wife, Elena, had been deprived of her nationality because she con-tinued to live with him.

Mr Kohout and his wife came to Vienna in the autumn of 1978 with Czechoslovak Government permission to work at Vienna's Burg Theatre for a year. During that year he refused to make any political statements, despite

the arrest, trial and convictions of several of his best friends. of several of his best friends.

When Mr Kohout attempted to return to Czechoslovakia on October 8 last year, he was refused admission. A few days which has prolonged his confused admission.

later the Czechoslovak Embassy in Vienna informed him that he Pavel Kohour, the Czechoslo-vak dissident author and play-nationality because of his "subrersive activities abroad ". He immediately appealed

against the decision and sent a copy, carefully documented with many newspaper reports of his refusal to make political statements, to the Czechoslovak Internal Affairs Ministry. Mr Kohout is not surprised

by the rejection of his appeal, but is extremely angry that his wife has been deprived of her nationality. "Here you see what depths can be reached, and the moral and political weaknesses of a system which interprets human rights by punishing a wife for standing by her hus-

Irish told of Britain's stand on EEC budget From Our Correspondent

Dublin, Jan 21 Sir' Ian Gilmour, the Lord today Charles Haughey the new Irish Prime Minister, and Mr Brian Lenihan, the Foreign Minister, to discuss Britain's EEC budget contribution.

Sir Ian said afterwards that the talks had taken place in a good atmosphere. Sir Ian said that Britain was committed to the Community and its rules but in this respect -the budget—the rules were not working as they were meant to. It was in the nature of democratic politics that some adjustment should be made. Sir Ian, Mr. Haughey, Mr. Lenihan, and Mr. Michael O'Kennedy, the former Foreign Minister, lunched together and there were no officials present.

It is understood that they dis-

cussed the Northern Ireland situation briefly.

Strike and picketing, after a fares rise, finally destroy fame won at Battle of the Marne

Taxi drivers at war with Parisians

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Jan 21

The happy and voluble taxi driver, ready to play the bene-volent guide to his fares or to air his views on the iniquities of the government, is a rapidly disappearing personality of the Paris scene.

Over the years, the fame Paris taxi drivers had won for themselves at the battle of the Marne has been gradually whittled away. They have become increasingly sour and dis-gruntled and now have declared open war on Parisians. Since Saturday morning, they have been on an unlimited

strike, just after having been granted a 10 per cent increase in fares now and 5 per cent next July. They want it all at once. Taxis have practically vanished from the streets of the capital. For many people this means little change from the normal state of affairs. Taxis in Paris have long been a rarity. except when one does not need them. There is not a tourist without his tale of woe of long, useless waits at deserted taxi ranks just before catching a train or going out to dinner, as taxi after taxi drives past, with his "for hire" sign off and

heading for home.
Only a few "clandestine" taxis have been on the prowl, taking care to keep away from railway stations and airports, and not to cross paths with strike pickets.

At the airports yesterday drivers mounted a strict guard. If a colleague drove up with a fare, they surrounded his vehicle, turfed the passenger

out without payment and, if the driver protested, slashed his tvres. Some blacklegs were even held up on the motorway into Paris, their passengers forced

out and dumped with their luggage on the side of the road, whence they had to thumb a ride into town. Airport shuttles were never so crowded, and chauffeur-driven cars plied a lively trade, even though their charges are high-about 120 francs (£15) to

go from the Gare de Lyons to the Gare du Nord. Many taxi drivers hanging about stoutly refused offers of even 30 per cent over the authorized fare. The strike merely underlines a state of affairs which has been deteriorating for years. There were 32,000 taxis in Paris in were 32,000 taxis in Paris in 1932. Their number was limited to 14,300 by the Popular Front Government in 1937; and, with the backing of officials and politicians, they have stoutly resisted any undermining of this entrenched privilege everging.

But there is reason to doubt whether even doubling their numbers would solve the pronumbers would solve the pro-lem. Paris-Hebdo, the new magazine, writes in its latest issue that there are twice as many taxis in Paris per head of population as in London or Brussels, and nearly four times as many as in Zurich or Amsterdam.

The trouble is that they are simply not there when they are wanted. Most of them varish from the streets during the morning and evening rush hours, and specially on Priday evening, when weekend traffic makes everything that much

tractic has become so appalling that it is not worth their while driving at those hours. They cannot ply enough fares

During rush hours, drivers

can get only three or four
fares altogether, but to live they need 18 to 20 a day, according to the secretary of

the taxi drivers union.
In spite of increasingly high charges, the trade is not an attractive one. Earnings average between 2,500 francs and 3,000 francs a month (£277 to £333) for 10 hours of work a day. There is also stress, strain and the ever-rising cost of netrol Taxi drivers reckon that this

year, fuel, insurance and social security will add up to nearly 18 per cent more than they did in 1979, while fares will rise by only 12.5 per cent. Some of them say that in 10 years, their purchasing power has falled by purchasing power has falien by 50 per cent, and that fares would have to go up by 75 per cent to put tnings right. Several solutions have been put forward. The most common one is a quuta of tax free petrol for diesel, but the Government has so far turned a deaf ear to this plea proble by

deaf ear to this plea, probably for fear that other interest groups would insist on the Another suggestion is ban-ning private cars from the centre of Paris (which would

have the advantage of improv-ing the bus services but it would cause a revolution in a country where owning a car is still a status symbol; and the right to drive it enymber: at any time is a cherished frec-

And Civil List too Mr John Biffen, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in a written reply, said that the Government's search for economies in public spending applied to expenditure on the Civil List.

ing stages. House adjourned, 10.27 pm.

He sought an assurance that the contribution would not be ended by inflation and so far as it was, it would be made up. There was no fat left to be saved.

Mr Neil Macfarlane Under Secretary for Education and Science (Sulton and Cheam, C)--I sympathize to a certain extent with the point Mr Price makes, but I cannot of er any guarantees or assurances on the question he has put. By comparison with other members of the EEC, we enjoy a great deal of commercial and industrial sponsor-ship that other countries have not vet worked up.

British Library project under review The contribution to arts from public funds in Britain was a great deal less than in some neighbouring European countries, Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C) said during questions.

Mr Clement Freud (Isle of Ely, L)—Is he aware of the imminent departure by a British orchestra for Russia on an Arts Council grant? Will he realize the national credibility gap created by sending musicians to the Soviet Union now the state of the state of the sending withdrawal of while threatening withdrawal of

> by his department.
> Mr Macfariane—I understand what Mir Maccariane—I understand what he means, but it is not as des-perate a picture as he paints. He knows the importance which we ettach to taking arts to the regions. I recognize the contribution

sport later?
Mr Macfarlane—I acknowledge the point and will draw it to the attention of my colleagues.
Mr Patrick Cormuck (South West Staffordshire. _C)—Vast numbers of tourists are attracted to this rountry because of our arts and heritage, and there is little to be achieved by candle-end economies by his demrinent.

tourists have made, and I hope that tourism will long continue to prosper. Mrs Renec Short (Wolverhampton, North-East, Lab)—To rely on com-mercial support for the arts is to rely on frail support. The chairman of Covent Garden has said that he could not rely significantly on this in the future.

in the future.

If Covent Garden cannot, what are smaller poorer companies in the provinces going to do to get commercial support? Government support is needed. Mr Macfarlane—There are many resources which we should exploit. The premous Government tried, and we intend to do the same.

A number of small companies

have begun to make a contribution towards local and regional arts. It my be frail support, but it is some

Decision soon on short-time work scheme

made as part of the annual review of the special employment and training measures, which had not yet been completed. Mr James Lester, Under-Secretary for Employment said in a written answer: The Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Prior) boped to make an appouncement about the scheme shortly.

that it should not be renewed at the end of March 1980.

Government by decree harms process of democracy in Italy

From Peter Nichols

Rome, Jan 21 The Italian Parliament is loundering beneath waves of bstructionism, absenteeism and the habit of governments to ule by decree. Both the Chrisian Democrats and the Comnunists have pointed to this astitutional failure as striking the heart of the country's

democracy.

The only difference in the approach of the two biggest parties is the order in which they place the defects. The Communists begin with the practice of the Christian Democratic minority Government of the cartic minority of the decree. mposing legislation by decree. The Chamber of Deputies, on the other hand, has been under Communist chairmanship for some four years. Its presiding some four years its pressong to fifteer, is the formidable series in the formidable series with the Chamber itself is nearly ungovernable and is apidly approaching the point of the fourth of the point of the point

f no return. She maintains that the source of the trouble is the weakness
of Sigoor Froncesco Cossiga's
Government and his use of decrees to offset his lack of a working majority. The tech-nique is that the Government in Bay, can approve measures and bring them into force by decree out the these measures must be approved by Parliament within 60 days. So far this year the has introduced Government has introduced decrees at an average of nearly

According to Signora Jotti, the constitution only allows the use of decrees for urgent mea-sures. It is supposed to be a form of legislation which should be used as an exception not as

By making such widespread use of it, she says, the Govern-ment has changed the relationship between Parliament and the executive as laid down by the constitution. The legisla-ture, she believes, had been denied its powers of initiative and has become little more than the executive's notary.

The Dutch bishops sum-

moned to the Vatican by the

lope to give an account of

themselves today faced, as best

they could, a damaging punch

upholding priestly celibacy.

beginning of the second week of the Dutch church's special

synod, which is due to end on

Saturday, As usual, the meeting

was private and the Pope sat

silently through the proceed-

In keeping with the Vatican's information policy, no names

are given in the summary of

Supposedly, the question on celibacy came from one of the six cardinals of the Roman Curia, whom the Pope made members of the synod. Given

the nature of the question, it may well have come from Cardinal Oddi, the conservative head of the Sacred Congrega-

"Had there not been, per-chance", the Dutch bishops were asked, "a lack of clarity on the part of the hierarchy of

the Netherlands on the problem of celibacy."

One of the seven Dutch bishops replied that they had

always defended celibacy in a "wise and unequivocal" manner, clearly excluding optional celibacy which some

against permanent celibacy. The number of vocations was said to be slightly improving after the "dreadful fall of the

Catholics had proposed.

Another of them said that at present in the Dutch ecclesiastical province the vast majority accepted without ambiguity priestly celibacy, and no candidate to the priesthood had said to the bishops that he was the beautiful and the celibacy.

tion for the Clergy.

Rome, Jan 21

the session.

Dutch bishops accused by

upholding priestly celibacy

which came in the form of a opinion has been transformed in the past decade. Indeed,

From Our Own Correspondent unanimous in upholding obliga-

say Mass.

versities.

Vatican of weakness in

of amendments have been pro-posed to the Government's recent measures against ter-rorism. Most of them were tabled by the small but very active Radical Party, which is

now leading the obstructionists.

The Radicals object to government by decree and also to the content—as in the case with the anti-terrorist measures of some of the Government's or some or the covernment of deliberations. They are helped by the Chamber's rules which allow much liberty of action to smaller parties. The order of parliamentary business for instance has to be agreed unani-mously by the leader of every party represented in the Cham

ber.
The latest reshuffle brought The latest reshuffle brought Signor Clelio Darida to the post which handles the Government's relations with Parliament. He is a Christian Democrat by no means unused to frustrating appointments having been the Mayor of Rome.

A few days after taking up his new job, he began talking about the paralysis of Parliament and its danger to demoment and its danger to demo-

He points out that not only are the anti-terrorist measures coming before the Chamber this week, but the long discussion of a Bill on the pressthis time nor a decree but a parliamentary measure must continue. The latter runs the risk of nor being approved despite the fact that it has, theoretically, the backing of a large majority.

As far as he is concerned, obstructionism is the first of Parliament's evils. Both measures have already been approved with sound majorities in the Senate, he points out.

He admits that government by decree has been growing. He explains this phenomenon by pointing out that governments have short lives and Parliament, too, has now on several occa-sions been dissolved well before it has run its full course of five years. Hence governments use

decrees as a means of introducing essential measures.
Obstructionism itself, which Her second objection is to is aimed against the decree obstructionism. This week system, also drives governments should see one of the highpoints to use decrees with increasing of its use. Literally thousands frequency.

tory celibacy for their priests.

However in 1970, the Pastoral Council of the Dutch

Church voted strongly in favour of optional celibacy. There is

little to suggest that public

there are certain indications that it has not. Up to 200 priests who have married work

in parishes, though they do not

Despite a degree of dis-

pirited resignation among the

more advanced echelons, be-

cause of the disputes with the Vatican, Dutch Catholicism still

has retained its experimental

side. This does not necessarily

even if rising; seminarians are

fewer still because the whole

country has only one seminary.
That is in the highly conservative bishupric of Roermond,
where the bishop reopened his

seminary after the rest of the bishops had agreed to send would be priests to study theo-

logy in faculties of public uni-

back to traditionalist methods,

which were used to train most

of the 1,500 to 2,000 Dutch

priests who have abandoned the priesthood over the past two decades. Hence, the call for a return to the old pre-Vatican Council methods can, if im-

posed by the Vatican, hardly be

expected to bring a great im-

However, Roermond has gone

Vocations are certainly few.

involve the bishops.

OVERSEAS,

For first time since war Bonn fails to give wholehearted support to American policy

Germans urge US not to sacrifice benefits of détente

Bonn, Jan 21

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, hopes to exercise a moderating influence on President Carter and his Administration over Iran and Afghanistan during his visit to Washington today and tomorrow.

This is the first world crisis in its 30-year history, when West Germany has not been able, wholly and instantly, to see eye to eye with its vitally important ally and the result is deep unhappiness in Bonn. The double crisis has created a divergence, not so much of interests, but of emphasis. This has been made rather sharper than it would otherwise have been by the fact that both President Carter and the West Germans face elections this

New Afghan

appeasement

Mr Babrak Karmal's Government, in an attempt to appease Muslim fundamentalists, is to

change the Afghan flag to in-clude the colour green—the colour of Islam—but a direc-tive from the polithureau

promises that military action against tribesmen will be in-

This carrot-and-stick policy of

trying to neutralize Muslim anxiety over the left-wing in-tentions of the Government.

while threatening increased

pressure against dissident tribesmen, is likely to set the

pattern for the early months of Mr Karmal's new administra-

The disappearance of green

from the national flag after the overthrow of the Daoud regime

in 1978 was a cause of much

contention among the clergy,

and its reappearance will un-

Less acceptable to Afghans, however, will be Mr Karmal's promise to treat "with revolutionary decisiveness" what the party refers to as "terrorists,

gangsters, murderers and highwaymen".

A politbureau statement also

castigated Western press report-ing of Afghanistan, mentioning

not only the recent expulsion of American correspondents from the country but alleging too

that British and other European reporters were guilty of "mud-slinging".

Visas stopped: The Afghan Embassy in Delhi said today it

was under instructions from the Government in Kabul to stop

issuing visas to all journalists.

An embassy official said in-structions not to issue visas

were received on Saturday when

decided to halt, for the moment,

the issue of documents allowing

Afghanistan.—Reuter. Iran threat: West German re-

purters may be next in line for

expulsion from Iran—after their

American colleagues—for their

"very negative reporting", an official of the Iranian informa-

agency DPA quoted Mr Abol-ghassem Sadeq Information Ministry Director responsible

for foreign journalists, as saying "the Germans have by far
underestimated the (United
States-Iranian) crisis."—UPI.

tion ministry said today. The West German

Western journalists to work in

in Kabul

Covernmen

doubtedly be welcomed.

and threats

rulers try

From Robert Fisk

Kabul, Jan 21

agree that the Soviet Union should be deterred from other Afghanistan-style ventures, it is anxious not to sacrifice the outstanding and tangible achieve-ments of its détente policy which have benefited not only Germans but Europe as a whole. Although the Gormans are fully aware of the implications of Afghonistan, Berlin, as one newspaper put it, is nearer than Kabul. The Germans dread a return to a cold war atmosphere.

The West German attitude might be better appreciated in Britain if two million Britons lived in a walled ciry over 100 miles behind Soviet lines, potential pawns in a colossal power game; if minefields and booby-trapped fences ran across the country, keeping a third of the population prisoner in the Communist camp; if instead of the sea there were along its

While the West Germans eastern boundary Soviet tanks and weapons pointed at London, Birmingham and Manchester.

In this Government's ten years in power, Berlin has ceased to be the flashpoint of Europe. Its status and access have been secured to a great extent by treaty. Families separated by the division of Germany have been reunited. relatives in East and West can visit and telephone each other, trade is flourishing and ties with East Germany created which it would be painful and costly to sever. Diplomatic rela-tions with East European coun-tries have been established and

is being slowly replaced, at least on government level by

the hatred of the former enemy

"Is this all to count for nothing any more?" Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, asked Parliament last week.

Deeds are proving harder to produce.

Although unconviaced their effectiveness. Bonn is willing to join in coordinated sanctions by the West against the Soviet Union, But a hard look at the files have shown that this would not amount to much,

It is willing to discuss an embargo on the export of high-technology goods through Cocom (the coordinating com-mittee for East-West trade policy) but this would probably boil down to some rather small computers.

The Americans are ressing Eonn to withdraw state trade guarantees but these are embedded in a treaty. To breach treaties would open the way for an appalling escalation,

The Americans have asked with Berlin as the first victim. The greatest deterrent to the and have got it—in words. Soviet Union in German eyes is the revulsion among Third World countries, who realize that they too could fall victim to Russian power strategy. But any attempt to exploit this by the West would only do more

> However, the Germans are planning to give even more economic aid to countries on the fringe of the crisis area, including Pakistan, India and

harm than good.

Turkey.
Officially Bonn is maintaining an open mind about the Olympic Games while President Carter decides what to do. Meanwhile Herr Schmidt has said he intends to go ahead with planned meetings with President Brezhnev and Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, and will work even harder for détente.

this summer's Olympic Gzznes in Moscow if Soviet troops remain in Afghanistan is strengthened by two recent public opinion The result of a survey published today by Newsweck maga-zine show that by a three-to-one margin, Americans favour moving the games out of bloscow to an alternative site if the Russians stay in Afghanistan. If the Olympics cannot be moved, the poll indicates, 55 per cent of those interviewed warr a

President Carter's claim that

the American people will sup-port his appeal for a boycott of

Two polls

support

From David Cross

Washington, Jan 21

Olympic

boycott call

United States baycott. The results also show the public agreeing with Mr Carter's assessment that if the Olympic Games are held in Mescow without America taking part, this could have an impact on future Russian foreign policy. In appealing for American athletes to stay away from Moscow yester-day. Mr Carter said be thought such a move might deter future Soviet aggression.

A second, less reientific pull conducted by the Washinton Star showed 85 per cent of Lie readers who responded by past being in farour of a boyco:: Predictably, though, erganizers of the American Olympic team and the stillers are less keen on the idea. keen on the idea.

As a general rule, older athletes grudglogly support a boycott but young athletes, who expect to attend the games for the first time, understanded y do not went to waste the training they have put in.

Defore announcing its decision on President Carter's appeal, the United States Olympic Committee intends to poll all 10,000 Olympic hopefuls for their views.

Sportsmen hostages : American athletes and sportsmen wereb eing held hostage by President Carter to his poli-tical ambitions, Tass said today in the first substantial Soviet comment on the President's television announcement last night that he wants the Olympic Games transferred from Moscow or cancelled Michael Binyon writes from Moscow).

Tass said the President, who boasted that he was a human rights champion "has no use for the rights of others if these run counter to his political ambitions". A commentator, referring to the American hostages in Tehran, said that in spite of Mr Carter's repeated denouncements of the use of hostages for political ends, the sportsmen had assumed that role "in his present adventure.

"If one is to use sports terminology, one can say that the Olympic annals will recall Carter as a man who erected, rather than cleared, hurdles. Carter's decision will, in the long run, no doubt prove to be a goal he scored into his own

Western reaction: West European governments responded with caution today to President

So far Canada and Britain are the only other members of the Western alliance to advocate poycorting the Moscow games. Other governments, turning over the issue again today at

Iranian women read slogans on the wall of a Tehran mosque calling for death to the Shah.

China fears Soviet drive in Asia and Balkans

From David Bonavla Hongkong, Jan 21

China's decision to suspend political talks with the Soviet Union reflects her concern that recent Soviet moves in Afghanisten herald a major southward offensive by Soviet forces in Asia and the Balkans, according to semi-official left-wing sources

Though unable to tell whether

the Soviet Union had fore-knowledge of President Tito's ilness, the Peking leadership believes that Moscow will try to present the West with a fait accompli through military pressure on Yugoslavia and Pakistan, leading to access for the Soviet Navy to ports on the Adriatic and the Arabian Sea.

tary advisers to discuss details up political support among its of future Chinese aid. many friends in the Third China evidently considers World for any moves by the of future Chinese aid. China evidently considers that its earlier assessment of

Soviet Union as untrust- of Soviet expansion. worthy and aggressive was cor-rect. The recent moves towards have announced their decision a slow reconciliation, it is believed, were made in order to appears some political and were worried about the danger of a war with Russia while China's armed forces were still

inadequately equipped.

The Afghan crisis, it is believed, has convinced the Peking leadership that there is nothing to be gained by nego-tiating with the Soviet Union on any matters more important than navigation rules China shares the view of

Adriatic and the Arabian Sea.

The global scope of the recent
Soviet moves, as seen by the Chinas shares the view of Chinas States can muster forces strong Hua, the Foreign Minister, has in Pakistan, without sparing time to take along expert mili
than navigation rules
A serious worry for China is A seri

United States to stem the tide Now that several Arab states

to boycott the Moscow Olympic Games, it is likely that China will do the same, although los-ing the chance of showing off the results of years of secret training will be a bitter blow Sport, however, takes a back seat to China's urgent sense of

the need to bring the Nato powers and the Third World — particularly the Middle Eastern countries — together in joint opposition to further Soviet gains.

A serious worry for China is that if the Soviet Union suc-

were particularly ominous for China, since they coincided with the ill health of President Tito, one of Peking's best friends in East Europe. The Chinese fear that if Moscow should attempt to subvert or control Yugoslavia after President Tito's death, Romania would be the next

The events in Afghanistan

Combined with the possible subjugation of Albania-China's former ally but now an out-spoken critic of Chinese policy such a strategy on the part of the Soviet Union would mean complete Russian control of the Ballians as far as the Greek frontier.

While seemingly remote from China's area of influence, the Balkans have in the past given Peking its most important poliby the Chinese as too little aware of the Soviet threat.

Carter's boycoit call.

tical weapon against the Soviet President Carter's bequest. Union in Europe—where the Nato leaders, with the exception of Mrs Thatcher, are seen would outweigh the broken

Hit-and-run on the road to Kabul

From Ian Murray Kabul, Jan 21

The driver was scarcely a fearless Afghan. He visibly shook with fright when he was told he must go on to Kabul. He stopped the minibus, turned round and headed back with a will to Jalaistad. There was no point in shout-

Another of them said that at provement. ing or even in threatening to pay him nothing. It was only when the pack of painted lorries we were travelling with So far, however, this is the only definite proposal known to have emerged from the council except for the suggestion from the Vatican for increasing the number of bishoprics. The logic of the plan for adding three more bishoprics to the existing seven is that the Pone's choice for lorries we were travelling with decided to turn round again, that he agreed to join them.

The trouble was a good 10 miles farther on up the road, just after it leaves the fertile plains and starts into the narrow Kabul River gorge.

A kine of small stones across the coad had created a small after the "dreadful fall of the last 20 years."

No doubt, the discussion was much fuller than the Vatican's summary suggests. The reported statements are misleading. It is true to say that the bishops, whether conservative or prothe road had created a small road block. Further up, two West German road-train lorries had been hijacked and set on

true to say that the bishops, whether conservative or progressive wiews.

The Dutch are treating the proposal with great caution. fire. Huge boulders had been avalanched down the side of the gorge blocking the road.

This was the work of bandits according to our driver's friend. He spat contemptuously when asked if it might have been done by mujahideen freedom fighters. "No", he said. "This was only to steal."

Such road blocks between here and Jalalabad have be-come more common in recent weeks, and drivers signal to one another that the way is clear when they pass each other as a normal matter of road courtesy. But nobody seems to believe that what is going on is a combined guerrilla operation to chase the

Russians from Afghanistan.

The road itself, one of the most important in the country, has been left to the Afghan Army to protect, yet except around Jalalabad Afghan soldiers are not much in evi-

It was not until reaching the

Russian soldiers on view, and there were fewer of them about than there had been a fortnight ago. The few tanks visible on ago. The few talks visible on the roadside were all in canvas wraps and left with a minimal guard. Our driver stopped shaking and drove on confidently.

In Jalakabad last night there had been no electricity for the sixth night running because the local transformer had been blown up—for the third time in recent weeks. But apart from that, fighting in the area appears to be less than it was just over

a week ago.

The fighting now going on is in the traditional hit-and-run manner of the Afghan tribal bandits and is the type of thing that transcontinental drivers have learnt to expect in the area. To judge by our drivers today, the average driver today, the average Afghan is more terrified of his plateau leading from the gorge own lawless compatriots than to the city that there were any he is of the Soviet Army.

Chaban-Delmas visit hailed

Supreme Soviet.

He is the first senior Western politician to come to Moscow since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, and his visit is seen as very significant. The visit, part of a regular exchange of parliamentary dele-

He was quoted by the official

come here and discuss topical matters". He had come to Moscow as a true follower of General de Gaulle's ideas, "as a man who wants nothing to disrupt the development of relations between France and the Soviet Union ".

pleased that it is the French, with whom they have enjoyed good relations for nearly two decades, who have symbolically asserted Europe's independence of America by continuing with the visit

succinctly sum up the Soviet feelings: "USSR-France: reli-able partnership" and "French diplomacy: traditional real-izm". The first headline is in pointed contrast to President Brezhnev's recent assessment of President Carter as an "absolutely unreliable partner

Congress asked for early Bill to arm Pakistan Continued from page 1

region will be dealing with the new situation posed by Soviet aggression in Afghanistan. "We must help the regional states develop a capability to withstand Soviet pressures He named India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal in this coutext. "In this new situation, we

are proposing to the Congress a military and economic essistance programme to enable Pakistan to bustress its defences," Mr Carter said. This was a matter of the "most urgent concern' and he strongly urged "the earliest possible approval" by the House and Senate.

"We must pay whatever price is required to remain the strongest nation in the world," In this context, the President reaffirmed his recent decision to ask Congress to approve a 5 per cent increase in funding authority for defence next year.

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Burglars paint slogans to mislead police From Our Correspondent Vicana, Jan 21

A fire in a council office building in the Vienna suburbs yecterday evening which was at tirst thought to be a "left-wing terrorist bomb attack" was in iact an ordinary burglary.

The criminals had set fire to the office to destroy possible cives and painted left-wing slogans on the walls to try to mislead the police. The police noticed that the name of a terrorist whose release from jail was demanded

was wrongly spelt and that a hemmer and sickle emblem had also been drawn wrong way round.

Summer time plan Budapest, Jan 21.-Hungary will introduce summer time in April as part of an overall chergy savings plan, the news agency MTI said today.

Right-wing death threat

Madrid, Jan 21

sibility today for the bombing of a bar near Bilbao and threatened to assassinate four abertzales (Basque patriots) for every policeman killed by

The caller denied that the GAE was responsible for several rape cases which had been blamed on right-wingers last week and that its militants

to Basques From Our Correspondent

A right-wing terrorist organi zation, the Armed Spanish Groups (GAE), claimed respon-

Basque separatists. An anonymous telephone caller read out several com-muniques on behalf of the GAE to the daily El Diario Vasco in connexion with the bar explosion which killed four and injured 13 others.

include members of the security police, the paramilitary Civil Guard or "parallel police".

Authorities believe the fourfor-one formula might apply to the bombing of the bar

by delighted Moscow From Michael Binyon Moscow, Jan 21 M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, president of the French National arrival: "The difficulties currently existing in the world give us an additional reason to

Assembly and a former prime minister, arrived here today at the start of a 10-day official visit at the invitation of the

gations was arranged a year ago, and French sources say there was no question of its being cancelled. M Chaban-Delmas may be received by President Brezhnev or other Soviet leaders, and is expected to outline to them France's position on Afghanistan as well as to members of the Supreme

news agency Tass as saying on

The Russians are particularly

Two Tass headlines today

Russia knows that this is not the time to try to entice Yugoslavia back into Soviet fold

Soviet television interrupted its main evening news bulletin last night to report the amputation of President Tito's leg. The report of any illness or opera-tion on a leading statesman is extremely rare in the Soviet Union, and reflects the intense concern with which the Russians are watching the situation in

Yugoslavia. On Friday President Brezhnev on Friday President Brezhnev
sent a telegram to President
Tito wishing him an "early and
complere" recovery from his
illness, and expressing his
hopes that the Yugoslav leader
would still guide his country's
policy towards the Russians for long time yet.

The telegram was a sincere reflection of Soviet feelings at the moment. In the present tense world atmosphere created by the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the last thing Moscow wants now is a succes-SION crisis in a country that has long had sensitive relations with the Soviet Union.
The Russians know and res-

pect Marshal Tito, a man who personally took part in the Bolshevik Revolution, something the present Soviet leadership

They have come to accept that under his rule Yugoslavia must be considered a special case among communist countries. among communist countries. They have never accepted the ideological heresy of his brand of communism. They have often been angered by Yugoslavia's non-aligned foreign policy, and they have not given up the idea that the country might one day be enticed back to the Soviet fold. But now is not the time.

Indeed, the Russians are unlikely to make any more that Indeed, the Russians are unlikely to make any move that could be interpreted by a suspicious Yugoslav public as putting pressure ou the strategically placed Balkan state for a long time after President Tito's death.

their close ally Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, they could attempt to encourage factions in any to encourage factions in any future collective leadership that looks towards Moscow, they could offer substantially larger trade incentives to tie Yugoslavia more closely to them economically. But they will first wait to see how things develop if Marshal Tito dies.

In some ways Yugoslavia's status in Soviet eyes is comparable to that of Finland—nominally close to one half of Europe, but of vital strategic and political importance to the other

Three days ago, Tass dismissed as "crude, provocative and false" the contention that there was a Soviet threat to Yugo-slavia, and said such statements indicated the obvious intentions of Nato to interference in Yugoslavia's affairs. Relations between the two countries, Tass said, were marked by "profound friendliness".

That this is officially true is because of President Tito's ceaseless efforts during his 17 visits to Moscow to ensure that the Kremlin endorses the Yugoslay position.

The phrasing of communiqués on such visits is a matter of extreme delicacy. But it appears that the last visit here by the Yugoslav leader last summer was one of the most successful: the Russians pubdy accepted his contention that the two countries followed different paths to socialism, but this need not bar the way to friendly relations.

On world issues Moscow still has sharp differences with Yugoslavia, which has taken the lead in opposing Cuba's—

long time after President Tito's nam's intervention in Kampu-death.

They could exploit the simmering differences between munist parties, notably the

Although such criticism hurts, especially coming from a communist country. Moscow knows it is part of the independence which President Tito wrested from Stalin after the Second World War and which is now accepted by the West as an important factor in present-day Europe. So, too, is Yugoslavia's friendship with China. But foreign policy, though an

But foreign policy, though an irritant, is less worrying to the Soviet leadership than the ideological differences and the example of Yugoslav communism in action at home. Such an example, the Kremlin always fears, may be contagious in the Soviet Union.

The main criticism levelled at the editor in chief of Provda three years ago, when his paper printed surprisingly critical articles on the Soviet economy, was not that this aroused comment in the West, but that the articles were reprinted in Yugoslavia—" our ideological adversries".

Ideology, however, has not stood in the way of a growing and important trade link between Moscow and Belgrade. Last year, it was estimated that mutual trade could resch \$21,000m (£940m) in the next

To the Russians, always short of hard currency to import consumer items from the West, Yugoslavia is a valuable suplier of better goods for the average Russian shopper, and a way of buying Western goods made in Yugoslavia under licence with-out having to spend hard

Currency.
The Russians are sure to do their best to promote this trade link. They probably have their doubts about the viability of a post-Tito collective leadership But they are aware that the world is now watching their behaviour towards Yugoslavia.



Bullring tragedy: Rescue workers mingling with bewildered survivors in the debris of five grandstands, which collapsed at a Colombian bullring on Sunday, killing at least 160 people and injuring more than 500. The disaster occurred in the Caribbean coastal city of Sincelejo during a traditional annual

fiesta, when young bulls are fought both by amateurs and professionals. Police said the stadium was overcrowded and the temporary stands had been weakened by hours of torrential rain. "It just collapsed like a house of cards", said a police officer.
"People were screaming under the

debris and we were nearly swept away in the panic." Many of the dead, including numerous children, were trampled to death in the rush for

Newspaper reports said the death toll might rise to 300.

Zipra regulars are a well organized and disciplined force

A fur hat in the heat is a sign of authority

During the daytime in this corner of Southern Rhodesia the temperature usually soars past the 100 degree mark. Yet despite the oppressive heat Lieutenant-Colonel Middle Nyathi, commander of the first battalion of the second brigade of the Zimbabwe African People's Revolutionary Army (Zipra), insists on wearing his Soviet Army fur hat, complete with a red-backed badge bearing Lenin's portrait, at all

In the absence of any other forms of insignia on his Russian-made uniform it was, he explained, the only outward symbol of his rank. Only a handful of other officers, including the unit's political commissar, wear similar hats, which were originally designed to protect Soviet Army soldiers from the rigours of a Russian winter. Colonel Nyathi is in command

of the only formal military detachment from either wing of the Patriotic Front Alliance to detackment from either wing of the Patriotic Front Alliance to have reported to one of the 14 liaison officer, Lieutenant-assembly areas in accordance with the terms of the ceasefire wary about revealing too much

on the last day of the cease. However, it appears it was fixe assembly period his trained in Zambia (although battalion marched in column of some individuals were also in

two into this assembly area, Tanzania and the Soviet Union) code named "Lido", situated and crossed over the Zambezi about 80 miles west of Bulawayo River into Southern Rhodesia and only about 15 miles from

the Botswaga border. There were 475 men in his unit, all kitted out in an assortment of Russian, Cuban, East German and Libyan uniforms and carrying with them an impressive array of an impressive array of weaponry, including some heavy mortars and two 14.5 mm and two 12.7 mm anti-aircraft two 12.7 to

"It was an impressive and somewhat daunting sight", remarked Major Brian Hewitt, of the New Zealand Army, who is in charge of the 29 New Zealand and British members of the Commonwealth Monitor-ing Force based at "Lido".
"We were naturally a bit wary about having to deal with such a large and organized

force at first, but I now reckon we are lucky to have them here. They are very disciplined and are trying to instil some of that discipline into the 200-odd about the force's activities.

and crossed over the Zambezi River into Southern Rhodesia close to the Victoria Falls last

August.
From there the force gradually made its way south towards the main road and railway line between Bulawayo and the Botswana border. The officers units were in existence, but according to sources in Bulewayo there are as many as 6,000 Zipra forces still based in Zambia.

Unlike guerrillas in other assembly areas, the regular Zipra troops follow a strict military routine in the camp. There are daily physical train-ing sessions, drill parades, poli-tical classes and discussions on

Relations between the Zipra commanders and the Commonwealth force seem to be excel-lent, so much so that Major Hewin has even persuaded them allow an officer from the local police station, Section Officer Bruce Canade, to pay regular visits to the camp. "It is essential the two sides start talking now while we are still here." Maier Hereits here ", Major Hewms said. Even more remarkably, Major Hewitt has drawn up a written

agreement between Zipra and

sident guerrilla groups in the and Zipra find armed dissidents who refuse to be disarmed they

"As far as we are concerned the ceaselire is going well", but the situation is tenuous said Major Hewent,
Back in Bulawayo Commander

Titus Piudu, the principal Zipra liaison officer, also expressed satisfaction with the ceasefire, but said there were a number of problems over which it could break down. In particular he was concerned about a possible repetition of an incident that took place near Lupane, 110 miles north of Bulawayo, about 10 days ago in which the police and security forces killed seven

While he conceded there were still several hundred guer-rillas in the region who had not assembled, largely, he said, be-cause communication with them was difficult, he felt that less drastic action should be used against them if possible.

Another serious problem in his view was the presence of South African troops at the Beit Bridge, a point which also worried Colonel Nyathi. "The South Africans shouldn't be there. It is against the Lan-

Cairo delay in opening flights to

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem, Jan 21
Indications are growing that
the new crisis between Israel
and Egypt over the thorny subject of Palestinian autonomy
may seriously impede progress
towards the proper normalization of relations between the
two countries which is due to
begin at the weekend.

In a front-page story this
morning, the Hebrew daily,
Al Hamishmar quotes General
Taha Maghdoub, the official
in charge of normalization at

in charge of normalization at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry as stating that the national air-line, Egyptair, has decided not to open an office in Israel, nor to begin flights to Tel Aviv next week as previously scheduled.

The agreement that both El Al and Egyptair would start flying regularly between Cairo and Tel Avi on January 27 was one of the few points of agreement to emerge from the unsuccessful Aswan summit meeting between President Sadat and Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Min-

General Maghdoub's ments follow an official an-nouncement from Cairo late last week that the Egyptian Government has formally approved a parliamentary econmendation to slow down the pace of normalizing economic and cultural relations with

The Arab affairs correspondent of Al Hamishmar also quotes the Egyptian general as stating that El Al will not be permitted to open an office in Cairo, and that the entire subject of flights between the two countries will be "subject to the articles agreed to by both sides in the Camp David agreement. "

Among senior Israeli sources there was speculation that El Al will be left to fly the new route alone, having come to some financial arrangement with the Egyptians. This would extricate Egyptair from the possibility of crappling commercial sanctions from the rest of the Arab world. Any such move would be a serious setheck to the process of normalization, which is eagerly awaited by an Israeli-public

In a separate development, i is understood that a team of superistrom the Israeli Foreign
Ministry will return from Cairo discovered any suitable building for either the proposed Israeli Embassy or the residence for the new ambassador.
As the corresponding team of Egyptian expents has not yet even arrived in Israel it is now likely that the formal opening of diplomanic relations will be a low-key officir with both teams housed in temporary premises
The Israeli Government has
also once again defied crinicism of its expanionist policy in the occupied territories, and announced plans, in tenders with the World Zionist Organization, to establish two more lewish settlements on the West

US officials seriously concerned over Moscow's intentions

Washington, Jan 21.

slavia's independence and territorial integrity, has been reaffirmed here but the State Department spokesman refused was here on a state visit two

reaction to that event is chiefly directed at containing the dame in the Middle East it is hoped here that a show of suf- is old and sick, and there

Government, but above all of the Yugoslav Army. The threat from the East should help national unity, it is believed

degree of offered from the West will also be important. The European Community is rushing to complete its agreement with Yugo-slaviz and Americans and Western Europeans leave no doubt Schlesinger.

their concern for Yugoslav

affirmed here but the State of the weak and short-lived Department spokesman refused to be drawn on questions of aggression in Hungary in 1956. what might happen when President Tito dies. He reminded reporters of a Government statement to that effect which was issued when President Tito was state view and statement to that effect which was here on a state view and statement to the delections. elections.

He was asked about his ideas American officials are now on the subject during a teleseriously concerned about Yugo slavia. The Russian invasion of Afghanistan is a nasty precedent, and although American of the subject during a televised debate with President Ford and his reply was clearly carefully considered. The full quotation is as follows: Question: "The next big

crisis spot in the world may Union sent in troops'.

"Doesn't that statement practically invite the Russians to intervene in Yugoslavia? Mr Carter replied: "Over the tast two weeks, I've had a chance to talk to two men who have visited the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and China. One is Governor Averell Harriman and the other one is James

"Mr Harriman talked to the leaders in Yugoslavia, and I think it is accurate to say that there is no prospect, in their opinion, of the Soviet Union invading Yugoslavia should Mr Tito pass away. The present leadership there is fairly uniform in their purpose, and I think it's a close-knit group, and I think it would be unwise for us to say that we will go to war in Yugoslavia if the Soviets should invade, which I think would be an extremely

unlikely thing.
"I have maintained from the very beginning of my cam-paign, and this was a standard answer that I made in response to the Yuguslavian question, that I would never go to war, become militarily involved, in the internal affairs of another country unless our own security was directly threatened. And I don't believe that our security would be directly threatened if the Soviet Union went into Yugoslavia I don't believe it will happen, I certainly hope

"I would take the stronges possible measures, short of actual military action there by our own troops, but I doubt that that would be an eventual-

ity."
This statement has been of considerable embarrassment to senior officials ever since. It has never been disavowed, the way President Carter's promise "never" to impose an embargo on the export of grain has been

Seoul accuses North of false peace offensive

today accused North Korea of mounting a false peace offensive in an attempt to subvert the South after the assassinaof President Park Chung Hee last October.

Mr Choi said the North might undertake a military attack if there were social confusion in South Korea. His charges came three days

after he said he was consider-ing a North Korean proposal made nine days ago for talks at prime ministerial level on ways to reunify the two halves of the country

Mr Choi was speaking at an annual meeting with Cabinet ministers, provincial governors combat Northern espionage.

McCartney offer to meet loss

of cancelled tour Tokyo, Jan 21.—The Tokyo district prosecutor's office said no decision had been reached on whether to charge Paul Mc-Cartney, the former Beatle, or deport him on allegations of trying to smuggle marijuana into Japan.

Several hundred fans gathered outside the Budokan martial arts hall where Mr McCartney and his group Wings had been scheduled to begin their 11-concert tour today.

Mr McCartney is reported to have offered to reimburse

Japanese promoters for their losses on the cancelled tour. Mr Takehiro Kawaguchi, vice-president of the 4,000-member Complete Beardes Fan Club, said his organization was asking members to sign a petition to be sent to Mr McCartney to show their solidarity with him. -UPI.

Iowa wants a man who will hold the line against price rises

From Parrick Brogan Grinnell, Iowa, Jan 21

A deathly hush settled over lowa yesterday afternoon. The television men turned off their cameras. The candidates turned off their smiles. The campaign workers turned from their task and the entire male population turned on the television.

Some women did so, too, but not many. Football remains a man's game, and yesterday was Superbowl Sunday, when the last two teams fought it out in the sun in Miami.

Jowans enjoy politics and find the national debate over the Presidential nomination, which is beginning here, fascinating and important. But foot-ball has their hearts, as it has the hearts of most Americans, and politics were abandoned.

Mr George Bush, one of the most serious of Republican candidates, threw a Superbowl party in Des Moines. Five hundred people watched television, and Mr Bush appeared at halftime, though not to campaign. The Pittsburg Steelers won for the fourth year in a row.

Afterwards, in Grinnell, the children were packed off to bed and it was back to politics. The owner of a local factory, Mr Sharp Lannom, drew an analogy between such domestic scenes and international affairs. If you mean it, when you tell the kids to go to bed, and if the kids learn when you mean it, then off they go. If you don't really mean it, they know that you don't, and they won't". "It's the same with the Russians. They don't believe Carter

really means it. They've seen him back off too many times The President bad appeared on television that morning, say-ing that if the Russians did not pull out of Afghanistan in a

pull out of Afghanistan in a mouth, the Olympics should be boycotted. "What's all this ultimatum nonsense?", asked Mr Lannom. "He should have said: "Right, that's it, no Olympics" and they might have believed him. Who can take him seriousing?"

He is a fan of Ronald Reagan's. He and his wife had watched Mr Reagan address a televised rally in Des Moines on Saturday night, and were much impressed by his performance. "He's got something, I suppose its charisma, that comes out of the screen", Mrs Lannom said. "We need someone with real "We need someone with real victory, therefore, with about leadership, with guts", Mr 3 per cent of the Democrats

Lannom said, "and Regan's got But might it not be that Mr

Reagan is not a leader at all.

just an excellent actor? "That's right, he's an actor That's what America needs."
The moment of Reagan cer-tainty dissolved. Neither was yet really decided who to vote for this evening.

They suspected that Mr Reagan was merely an aging actor, they feared that Mr Bush was not forceful enough, they had enjoyed Senator Howard Bakers meeting here on Friday but resisted his

As proud Republicans, however, they are delighted at the quality of their various candi-dates compared with those of dates compared with those of the Democrats. Mr Lannom was particularly scathing about Senator Edward Kennedy. "I could never trust a man who cheats on his wife. It's the worst thing a man can do. You can't trust the fare of the world, not just America, to a man who would do that."

Across the tracks, the Democrats have much the same preoccupations.

Mrs Kennedy stunningly effective and very emotional defence of her husband when cornered by a television crew at an airport last week. She believes his account of Chappaquiddick. No one can measure what effect the incident will have on the polls and observers here, meaning practically everyone in the state. state, are more directly interested in organizational questions.

Mr Douglas Fraser, president of the United Auto Workers has come out for Senator Kennedy. He has campaigned for the senator here and has called out the workers—there are many plants in Iowa making parts for cars. Will they answer when he

calls on them? A lot of people here think that they will not. This is not a primary. People must turn out in the cold of the evening and spend a couple of hours with their neighbours, choosing delegates at three removes delegates at three removes from the national convention. It is all rother remote. Ten per cent of Democrats turned out in 1976 and Mr Carter got less than 30 per cent of their

He was launched towards

of Iowa behind him. He got 10,000 votes here and 20,000 in New Hampshire, a month later. There will be a better turnout this time, possibly a much better one, but even Douglas Frager and the Douglas Fraser and the Kennedy charisma will not swamp the polls.

Grinnell is the centre of a very rich farming district. Iowa is wall-to-wall maize, but has also a fair share of light industry and one of the best small universities in the mid-West. Gown tends ...
Democratic than Town, and the students, like students across the nation, are strikingly less political than were their predecessors 10 years ago. This is probably unfortunate for Senator Kennedy. Gown tends to be more Democratic than Town, and the

currents of the wide world (it has been directly affected by the grain embargo) as well as to the winds from the North. lowans tend to be grateful that they are far from the corruptions of the east coast, and the eccentricities of the west coast. Any tendency to smugness is buried in the realization of America's sudden vulnerability.

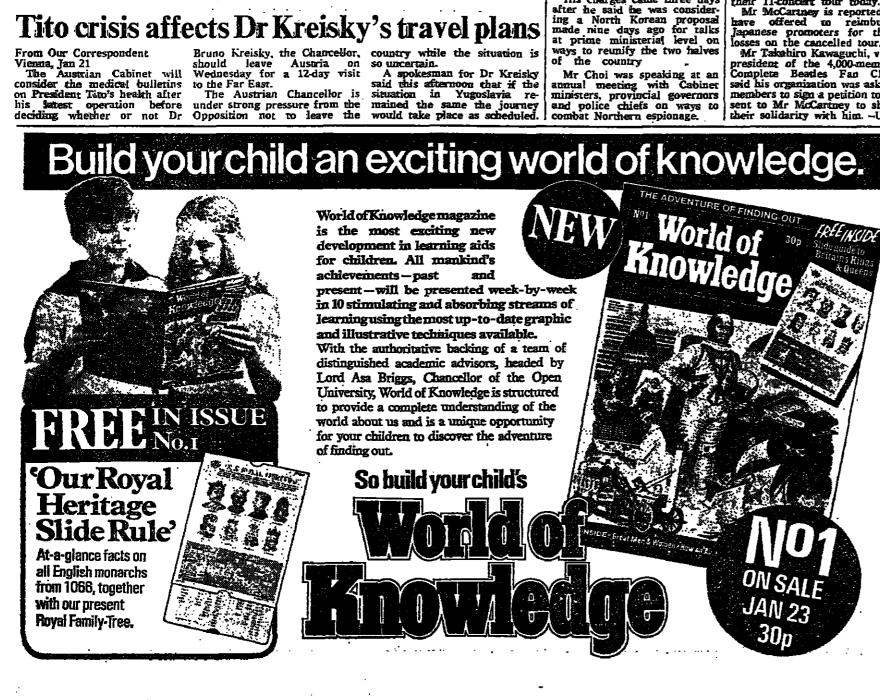
The price of hearing oil and petrol has more than doubled since last winter and when the candidates have made their pitch about leadership and controlling inflation, this is the problem that they are asked

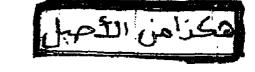
Mr Carter called the energy crisis the moral equivalent of war in 1977, and people have at last come to see that he was

So when they go to their caucuses to vote tonight, they will be choosing the man whom they think will best hold the line against further price increases, and who will do better in the 1980s than Mr Carter and his predecessors did in the seventies to keep the respect of the world.

Mr Reagan brought his audience to their feet on Saturday with the claim that he di dnot care is foreigners lived America, so long as they respected her. Time was that Americans wanted to be liked Now they will settle for respect, and some control over the price of heating oil.

Grinnel, 1,500 miles from the ocean, west and east. list ming to the candidates and watching events, has discovered that these two objectives may be beyond their grasp, and is horrified at the discovery.





Move to leave blacks hts to out of S African Aviv constitution criticized From Eric Marsden Cone of the strongest attention constitution criticized

From Eric Marsden Johannesburg, Jan 21

Spokesmen of all South Africa's racial groups strongly criticized the Government's plans for a new constitution at a five-day hearing of the Schlebusch Commission in Cape Town, which has just

The commission, headed by Mr Alwyn Schlebusch, the Interior Minister, includes five Cabinet ministers and three members of opposition parties. Under the proposed new constitution, drawn up two years ago, there would be separate parliaments for the white, Indian and Coloured communities, but blacks would have to continue to express their political rights in the various black homelands.

The exclusion of blacks from the constitution has been the main stumbling block to acceptance of the new "dispensation", as the Government pre-fers to call it.

A memorandum by the Progressive Federal Party, the main opposition group in the mesent all-white parliament, submitted a memorandum to the commission on party policy, proposing a federal constitution on a geographical basis.

It was based on "the non-negotiable principles of full citizenship for all South Africans regardless of race, and no race domination or discrimi-nation in any form." nation in any form ".

There should be a universal adult franchise "at some future date", a multiracial federal parliament, state legislative assemblies open to all races, proportional representation at all levels of government, and a minority veto on the vital levels of decision-making.

The New Republic Party, which grew out of the former United Party, produced alternative proposals which it claimed would satisfy the aspirations of all races while removing white fears of domination by a "one man one vote" system.

The plurality of South Afri-All groups should govern them-

me from Dr. A. D. Wassenaar, of the Sanlam Bank, a prominent Afrikaner businessman, Re said that whites were being un-realistic if they thought they could keep control of the country in their hands forever. They

form of transition, aiming to preserve control in "educated, responsible hands, regardless of racial differences". He proposed a constitution based on a strictly qualified franchise, with three voters rolls. Eighty-five per cent of MPs would be elected by voters on the main roll, with the highest educational and taxpaying qualifications.

should seek the most acceptable

Professor Ben Vosioos o rotessor Ben Vosloos of Stellenbosch University, the influential Afrikaans school of political thought, said that to exclude blacks living in white urban areas from the constitutional plans was like Hamlet without the Prince. A Stellenbusch colleague Professor S bosch colleague, Professor S. Terreblanche, thought that a whites-only parliament could no longer be defended.

The South African Indian Council submitted counter-proposals that, for an interim period of 10 years, there should be a single legislative assembly which, as well as whites, should have an agreed number of Indian, Coloured and Black representatives.

Dr A. M. Moolia, the council's chairman, said there should ultimately be a unitary state patterned on a single common political society

Inkatha, the Zulu cultural group which is South Africa's largest black organization, issued a strong call for a single state "with one defence force, one passport, one economy and one nationality for all South Africans ",

Nearly everybody giving evidence has spoken of the need for urgent action, but this does not seem likely. Mr Schlebusch pointed our yesterday that his commission has to hear evidence from more than 200 organiza-The plurality of South Afritions and individuals, and has can society must be recognized. so far heard only 37 of them. It is unlikely that he will be selves to the maximum extent able to prepare even an interim possible and also have a say in report until some time next

Communists greet plan for China office' in Hongkong

From Richard Hughes Hongkong, Jan 21

Chinese Communist representatives in Hongkong have welcomed a recommendation by the Hongkong Advisory Com-mittee on Diversification (ACD) that a special "China office" with a staff of experts should be established to consolidate growing cooperation with Canton authorities and joint industrial and investment pro-

"The Hongkong Covernment has a role to play in facilitating a series of dialogues between the relevant trading and politi-cal authorities in China and the local and international business

community", the ACD said. "It must try to identify more closely opportunities for co-operative effort which should be followed up, and more clearly those requirements for likely to be made of Hongkong public services and public as an outlet for China's exports

At present contacts for joint cross the border ventures are discussed by Hongkong Government departments and Canton "A number of manufacturing representatives or Peking resident companies in Hongkong like the China Resources Department, Ng Fung Hong, the Bank of China and the New

The proposed China office under active investigation. China news agency. could work closely with the Hongkong Political Adviser's office and organize immediate consultations with

Resident Chinese Communist representatives have already passed on the ACD proposal to Peking and Canton and indicated that the new office would certainly benefit both China and Hongkong.

Not surprisingly, the Chinese Nationalist press in Hongkong is criticizing the increased cooperation in communications, trade, investment and industry between Hongkong and China. An editorial in the Kuomin-

tang daily, Hongkong Times, today said that "Chinese Communists are gradually taking over Hongkong's markets and assimilating its export business. An economic crisis will soon

confront Hongkong".

Hongkong authorities and international companies based Hongkong do not treat this

criticism seriously.
"The increasing use that is works which flow from these opportunities."

as an outlet for China's exports and as a port through which China's impacts are channelled

"Also Hongkong's existing role as an outlet for China's oil products will be developed

Canadians expel three Soviet officials

From John Best Ottawa, Jan 21

Three officials of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa are to be expelled from Canada for espionage.

Miss Flora MacDonald, the External Affairs Minister, said today that the three had obtained classified information from an American citizen "in a sensitive position in his own COUDITY ".

The American was not named but Miss MacDonald told a press conference that he was not in the military or civil services. He was, however, "in the kind of establishment that would have been utilized by the Government".

The three Soviet Embassy officials—Captain Igor Bardeev, military, naval and air attché; Colonel Edurd Aleksanjan, assistant military attaché; and Mr V. I. Sokolov, the military attaché's chauffeur—have to leave Canada within one week. The expulsions come less than two years after the last big espionage case bere, when 13 Soviet diplomats were sent

Miss MacDonald told reporters that an investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police disclosed that within rouce disclosed that within months of the expulsions in February, 1978, the Soviet Embassy had resumed "a pattern of activity violating basic standards of diplomanic behaviour." beviour."

The embassy had been repeatedly warned that Canada would not tolerate such activi-

American citizen in volved in the case received substantial payments for the information he supplied. Meet-ings between him and the place over a period of 16 months, in the Ottawa area.

"Traditional" signal arrangements were used as well as

dead letter boxes.

The police worked on the case with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who Miss Mac-Donald said were helped in their investigation by the American citizen. She said it was up to American authorities decide whether to charge

Miss MacDonald said the Canadian Government was "particularly disturbed" that the Russians would use Canada as a base to carry on spy activi-ties against the United States. Mr Alexander Yakoviev, the Soviet Ambassador, "of course denied" the espionage accusations when Miss MacDonald met him earlier today to inform him personally of the expul-sions. He agreed, however, to convey Canada's concern to Moscow. "I think he was genuinely surprised", Miss genuively surp MacDonald said. She also said that the expulsion order was not related in any way to the Soviet interven-tion in Afghanistan.

Others may be involved in Tokyo spy ring

Tokyo, Jan 21.—Several other people connected with Japan's people connected with Japan's Self Defence Force my be involved in the recently uncovered Soviet spy ring, security officials said tonight.

Authorities regard the unmasking of the spy ring, allegedly led by a retired major-general, Mr Yukihisa Miyanaga, as the worst espionage scandal in Japan since the Second World War.

Mr Miyanaga aged 58, and

Second World War.

Mr Miyanaga, aged 58, and two serving officers were arrested last Friday and charged with passing military secrets to the Soviet Union.

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Fashion

Prudence Glynn





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the menswear trade is that while it is all very well to be smart if you are slim and young, the older man and the larger man—both of whom may have more money or more inclination to spend, let me point out-are short on choice. In fact that situation has changed think these clothes confirm that. Pierre Sangan is a name new to me, though which range from Harrods to "Owner-driver stores in the High Street" I should noted him. Peter Sangan, who signs the collections, is the grandson of a master tailor of both men's and womenswear on Jersey and in 1971 he took over control of the company. Most of the clothes, and jerseys, are still made on the island with the rest on the mainland. Sangan has always offered style

through to a 44" chest. The winner of the Worshipful Company of Frame Knitters Gold Medal and the Silver Medal awarded by the City and Guilds in textiles at the Leicester College of Art and Technology in 1960, the 39-year-old Mr Sangan, is in the right position to tell producers what he wants. What he wants now is a fully colour-co-ordinated and fashionably casual range "for men with

my sort of life style. Made easy to buy at the right sort of price". He has pro-duced it for the autumn. Neat blousons. the right gilet, the right collar on the shirt, the right fabric, none too outre but pepping up the weekend world of the 25-plus executive no end. Now, buyers. do see these clothes as a group and stock them as such. You will save a lot of high blood pressure cases by getting it together for them.







24 hours after the arrests. visiting by the discovery of new oil-fields in the South China Sea." Leading article, page 15 Chinese missions. Gandhi attack on rich nations at the prospect of trying to fit so non-stock ground of a deteriorating world industries to make them self a shape.

> Dr Waldheim, drawing on some of the background studies prepared for the conference, argued that present industria restructuring in developed countries should be seized upon as an opportunity to incor-porare a more equitable and efficient world economic order. India, like many other devel-

extra jobs if the richer nations not shortsightedly close their doors.

mind. Time was running out, he said, for decisions were needed from this conference and from the General Assembly special session later this year on a new

Dr Khane estimated that developing countries alone by the year 2000 might require as much oil as was now consumed

had energy from within the develop-pro- ing countries is likely to be he another theme of the Delhi

It is popularly supposed that women are the vainer sex, in a constant tizzy about gained ounces or unlost pounds and causing havoc in shops by their determination to squeeze themselves into one size too small and then take it back because it does not fit or castigating the salesgirls who are dazed

On the first point, I am not so sure. Circumnavigating Lord Goodman at a crowded party I remarked pleasantly that he always made me feel like Vasco de Gama. He gave me, I thought, a distinctly hooded look. Similarly, in paying the ultimate compliment, as I thought, by telling a man with glossy dark brown hair, a fine aristocratic head and staunch other proportions that he reminded me of my horse I floated a lead balloon; and a project undertaken in rasher youth to support my theory that very tall men are silly; big men nice; stout men shrewd; short men industrious; and ugly men best company also flopped. Somehow the subjects sensed what I was up to and one and all they melted away into the greenwood, or possibly the Garrick Club, like so many Merrie Men.

On the second point one must make a division. Men are both much more demanding, refusing such stock answers as "There's no call for that" (how do they know, if they have not got it?) insisting on properly trained serviceand getting it, and far more conscious of quality and value than women shoppers. But with a bespoke suit (this means you get fittings) from the Savile Row end of the trade costing anything from £500 to £1,000 where does the funny-sized

man shop?

He shops at Marks and Spencer, the first store to introduce matching jackets and trousers as opposed to separates. Some competitors think that this can lead to disparate colouring between delivery batches. M & S assure, no. Modern technology has enabled them to perfect a consistent colour, so if you can only afford one balf of the suit this mouth and the other next you need not worry. Incidentally, suits still comprise the majority of the whole menswear market. The reason is obvious. In times of economic uncertainty a suit suggests that (a) you are employed, even by an advertising

agency—remember all those flowered shirts and flowered ties they were responsible for in the Sixties?

The M & S shopper starts out on a

£45 duo in a polyester/wool blend with a hopsack texture. "The trouble with a hopsack texture. "The trouble with most manufacturers is that they seem to think all men are six feet plus, or if he's shorter he's going to be older and have a paunch.

Not borne out by Marks & Spencer's best sellers. Their man is 5ft 9in or oest sellers. Their man is 317 311 of 1611 of in all wool at £65.

If he is tall and thin and plays golf-

If he is tall and thin and plays golf—all that stooping, chill on the kidneys from the gap at the back—his best bet is High and Mighty, a chain of 20 shops in this country (they are also in Germany, Holland and America) which has most unfairly become associated in the public mind as only fit for fatties, who are so grateful for earthing in which to unholster. grateful for anything in which to upholster their sofa-sized persons that they will dispense with fashion.

I do see that if you offer a size range up to 58in chest and call it King Size you are liable to get stuck with a lot of stale jokes about King Kong, High and Mighty started out as a mail order business in the North in 1956, recognized a need in the market, and in 1959 opened in Edgware Road, London. Every branch has tailor on the premises to do swift

I was more interested in the tall problem. With a population better fed and better exercised we are getting taller, but still slim with it. What does this new race of gods use for cover. Again, it seems, High and Mighty, who can manage up to 7ft 6in in an emergency, though at the the risk of introducing just that note of levity they dread, one must suppose that that alteration kept the tarlor up all night. They also say that they try very hard to inject a modern fashion style into their ranges for young, tall and slim men, which may be why they have failed to please the high and mighty gentlemen I consulted on these matters—6ft 7in and belted earl no less; perhaps it is too fashionable for some. He says he has no problem with socks, shoes and underwear. Everything else has to be made.

Most probably if he is only somewhat out of the norm he will shop at Austin Reed, which has 44 branches in this country. Austin Reed can offer him a choice of 2,500 suits, a made to measure (which means no fittings) service, alterations and above all a total commitment to super service.

"We rely" says Peter Reed, who heads the business now comprising Chester, Barrie, Honorbuilt, Harry Hall and Stephens "on reliable and experienced salesmen. They are crucial". He agreed that most men have only an approximate idea of what size they are. Hence the need to assess the customer swiftly and tactfully.

I wanted to know why American stores seem to be able to fit everyone from the stoat-slim to the grotesque.

American stores offer greater depth in size, but lesser range in style, and remember that they are only just changing from the idea that all that counts is comfort. That to us would look sloppy, not fitted. The average Brooks Brothers suit is just a box." Austin Reed, with a high style end, Cue, and such an enormous selection can afford to be adventurous, engaging Bill Gibb for example to style a range.

Mr Reed believes that men do get better service than women, but that women would like that same service restored. To this end, Austin Reed is planning to open a womenswear area in the Regent Street branch.

But to come back to the men I started out with. Not being privy to the secrets of Lord Goodman's home wardrobe (I envisage paisley printed claret foulard, with plain lapels and some piping) I can only advise that in public he is wrapped in the convential subjusc, a sharp contrast to Mr George Howard, a man of stature to match his wonderful castle. He is far from subfusc. I seem to remember cerulean blue with a contrasting saffron shirt and, for something in the evening, the immemorial answer, the kaftan complete with covetable heads. As for the man who is so cross about the analogy with my horse, he dresses on practical, washable, light fit-any-size trousers from the catering suppliers of Sono.

PS on big feet. Magnus of 2 High Street, Harpole, Northampton NN7 4DH, supply their customers by mail order.





From Richard Wigg

Delhi, Jan 21 Mrs Indira Gandhi struck an impatient, nationalistic tone when she spoke today at a United Nations conference until the developing countries of the region to divert count intended to thrash out with the rich industrialized countries ways to improve the pace of industrialization among the have nots ".

Making ber first important speech as the new Prime Minister, Mrs Gandhi said the rich countries must understand that the industrialization of the developing world "is an inevitable process of history".

She said: "If we seek help it is not as charity but rather

as part of a process to undo the injustices of ages and bring greater equality and security." What was needed for the rich countries was "a more deter-mined political will".

She said the existing system,
with the world divided
between the industrialized haves and have-nots, no longer com-

mands acceptance".
President Reddy, inaugurating the third conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization Development Organization (Unido) thought, too, that the world's present political crisis stemmed in large measure from the "innate instability of an economic order which is not capable of responding to the

international economic rela-industrialization international economic relations. "What is at stake", he Third World.

economic climate, with south Asia the centre of tense politi-cal confrontations which could money and effort from in-dustrialization to costly defence. Many delegates from the richer countries fear the threeweek session may turn into another of those contests between the gladiators from the

north-south dialogue.

This is likely to be avoided only if the industrialized and the oil rich Middle East countries with financial surpluses agree on ways of achieving a sufficient pace of advance by the developing countries to win "at least" 25 per cent of the world's industrial output by the

year 2000.

The "Lima target" set when Unido met in the Peruvian capital, is nowhere near being achieved. If the pace set so far is continued on the most opti-mistic estimates, the experts have calculated, only half the target figure will be achieved by the end of the century.

At present, the developing countries, where 70 per cent of the world's population live, account for nine per cent of world industrial output.

Mr Salim Ahmed Salim,
president of the United Nations

General Assembly, said today that the situation is even worse,

Third World.

Said. "is global prosperity and world peace".

The conference opened in a prize industrialization he another sombre mood against the back-sombre mo

reliant and their economic progress self generating. True industrialization for these countries would mean providing employment for the population and satisfying basic

oping nations, has seized eagerly on recent OECD and EEC studies which emphasize how the developing world can provide not only markets but

Dr Abd El-Rahman Khane, Unido's executive director, later told the conference what was needed was bold leadership and " not oft-repeated excuses" that proposals were politically impracticable. Evidently he had the industrialized "haves" in

international economic order.

by the entire world.

London debuts

The inclusion of unfamiliar works, both old and relatively new, was a welcome feature of new, was a welcome feature of three out of last week's four debut concerts. With titles such as "Gnats" and "Bats", movements from Ned Rorem's Day Music and Night Music proved to be mainly attempts at musical characterization. For example, in "A Game of Chess Four Centuries Ago" the violin is invited to sound overwrought, the piano cool and strict. Like so much of Rorem's work, the results are easy on work, the results are easy on work, the results are easy on the ear, the pieces well written for the instruments though never with originality, making no stringent musical demands on players or listeners. The performance by Ronald Gorevic and Cary Lewis was clean and

Their other British premiere was of Donald Erb's Dialogue, of 1958. This is rather traditional beside the composer's later electronic pieces, promisingly mondy at some points but with pedesurian lapses. Much with pedestrian lapses. Much the best performance, however, was of Schumann's Sonata, op 121, which sounded well bal-anced yet had great pace and urgency: Mr Gorevic drew a hetter tone from his violin here than in Mozart's Sonata, K 301, although that, too, was neat and graceful.

Another disappointing piece that received its first British hearing was Zaborov's Improvisation for solo violin, dated 1978, a predictable collection of fireworks. It was persuasively delivered by Bruce Dukov. though, and there was indeed an attractive vitality to all his playing. Hardly less of a navelty was Sinding's Suite, op. 10, an early work in no clearly defined style. The first movement is a conventional perpetuam mobile; the second has more feeling, of a somewhat antique kind; the finale gesticulates confidently if to no real purpose. Yet both Mr Dukov and his pianist, Gordon Back seemed to believe in it. Back, seemed to believe in it, and the fact that Sinding writes effectively for both instruments was perhaps the attraction.

They brought exactly the right sort of ironic passion and metallic glint to Prokofiev's Sonata, op. 94A, and if Mr Dukov's tone is not the largest it is always expressive and he commands great ease of move-ment. He needs to think seriously about his repertoire, however, as this Prokofiey sonata and Beethoven's op. 12 no. 3 were the only items of substance in his programme. There is not much point to pieces like Waxman's sub-Sarasate Carmen Fantasy, even if it does flirt with familiar tunes to entertaining effect. An extra oboe quartet by Mozart is obviously a bonus, yet K 258b, played by the Caird Quartet, was actually a flute quartet, and one whose second movement was later used in the Serenade K 361. The principal part lies well on the oboe, how-ever, and it is a pity this work had a somewhat tentative performance, especially from the strings. Matters improved greatly with Lennox Berkeley's Oboe Quartet of 1967, a score full of autumnal hues but often

The other Berkeley piece, his String Trio, is much earlier (1944), yet is just as beautifully written for this difficult medium and received an interpretation full of poise and refinement. George Caird offered one unaccompanied work, a Fantasy in G minor by Telemann which also, he said, was originally for the flute. It was short and melodious. We ended as we began, with a Mozart obee quartet, this time the familiar K 370. Always this seems to be too short, but it was played with the charm and delicacy it deserves.

Vytautas Smetona was rather too stressful in the opening Allegretto of Beethoven's Sonata op 101 while the following Alla marcia was nammered and, as so often, too fast. The Adagio was more circumspect, but the finale to which it is joined was again unlucky. Beethoven is not to be played apologerically, yet violence is not the answer. Mr Smetona revealed a Barber's Sonata; again there was a tendency to overemphasis, composer's rather empty rhe-toric. Quiet passages in the middle movements proved that he could play with more discretion, although the total effect was never particularly musical and always shapeless. Chopin's Polonaise Fantasy was also spoilt, despite some sympathetic moments, by the way that details were exaggerated, pulled right out of context, by quite undue loudness.

Max Harrison

Rodney Friend to lead BBC Orchestra

Following the appointment of John Princhard as joint principal guest conductor (with Michael Gielen) of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the BBC has appointed Rodney Friend as leader, a position he will share with Bela Dekany. Mr Friend was leader of the London Philharmonic Orchestra for 12 years before going to America as concert-master of the New York Philharmonic. Mr Pritchard is currently music director of Cologne Opera.

Country Life at the

Lyric, Hammersmith A new production of Goldoni's Country Life, directed by David Giles, will open at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, on February 12. In the Lyric Studio, starting on February 25, there will be a new version of Marlowe's Dr Faustus, directed by Edward Pether-bridge.

The wonders that survive Poland's tragic history

Drawings from **Polish Collections** Heim Gallery

L. Moholy-Nagy **ICA**

Mercury Workshop Mercury Gallery

Lord Leighton's Architect Heinz Gallery

The incredible riches of East European art collections have tended, until recently, to be something of a closed book to something of a closed book to Western art lovers—along with the extraordinary amounts of scholarly investigation being published in often impenetrable languages. The present winter exhibition at Heim's, to be seen in the next six months in Birmingham, Dublin, Cambridge and Cardiff also, represents a mere drop in the bucket, but one which will tempt many to dip deeper.

The hundred drawings selected range in date from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries, and have virtually nothing in common except their outstanding quality and their Polish provenance. The essay by Maria Mrozinsja in the catalogue on the history of collecting in Poland offers such a chronicle of disasters during Poland's chequered history that one can only marvel that anything is left, let alone such wonders. Some of the drawings are by very famous names, others are anonymous or the work of very minor ligures here shown off to their best advantage. There are several superb Rembrandts, particularly two of his quick landscape sketches which tell all with an almost operated all with an almost oriental economy of strokes, a delightfully domestic Rent on the Flight to Egypt by Rubens, a wonderful portrait of Mary Queen of Scots by Clouet (only yery recently identified as such) and a couple of first-rate

More modestly, there are schemes for the interior decoration of various baroque buildings in Warsaw, and two of Schinkel's admirable renderings for buildings commis-sioned by Count Arthur Potocki, happier it must be confessed in the familiar Neo-Classical style than in a rather stiff and tentative Gothic. But the real surprise of the exhibi-



Rubens's Rest on the Flight to Egypt . . . " delightfully domestic "

made by the nineteenth-century German artists. Who gon Beetle we tend to assume next month's Hayward exhibition have thought that in somehow that, like Topsy, they tion The Eight and the Activities this overbearingly distin-guished company the likes of Schnorr von Carolsfeld and Cornelius would stand out? But so it is, and I must confess to finding Cornellus's metriculously Nazarene drawing for the title-page of Radziwill's opera Faust the most individually desirable of all the works on show. Admittedly it is hard to imagine actually living with a Rembrandt or a Durer, but at the same time to hold the wall with such artists and not be instantly obliterated must indicate something about lasting quality.

Think of a Parker 51 pen and you think of Moholy-Nagy. Or

trial designers to work in virthat a painting or a sculpture is the work of one specific person, and that we probably ought to know who it is, but with even inescapably famous with even inescapably famous known Hungarian avant-garde objects such as an Olivetti por- of the early 1920s soon to be

gon Beetle we tend to assume somehow that, like Topsy, they just growed. We may recall a piece of furniture as a Breuer chair, but more likely we call it a Wassily chair and find ourselves wondering—if we give the matter any thought at all-was it Breuer who designed it, or could it possibly have been Corbusier?

The problem is compounded with Moholy-Nagy because, as the comprehensive exhibition at the ICA makes clear, his activities and achievements were so various. He was not only an industrial and commercial designer, but a distin-guished painter of advanced tendencies, an important and innovative photographer, an experimental film-maker and a at least you should, though I experimental film-maker and a doubt whether many of us designer of books, graphics actually do. It is the unformate fare of the great industaneously almost throughout his busy working life (he was only 51 when he died in 1946). He began more as a painter than anything else, part of that lively, short-lived and too-little-

ists. Though he had close con-nexions also with Schwitters and the Dadaists, and with Russian revolutionary art, he very soon started going off in his own direction: his elegant, coolly geometric abstractions (a bit like Malevich with colour) begin as flat patterns, but then start to suggest mysterious aerial perspectives and show his growing interest in giving dimension to his non-representational shapes.

This all ties in with his work in the experimental cinema, also well represented in the ICA show: his Light Play of 1930 is in effect a film of his Light Prop. an early piece of kinetic art intended to occupy a theatre stage during the in-tervals, showing the play of light and shade over non-repre-sentational moving parts and creating dimensional patterns of black, white and grey which might or might not be meant to suggest some semi-architec-(Later, similar materials were vision, though a multipude of used for precisely that in the media for expressing it. In

reel of special effects he created for Korda's The Shape of Things to Come, suggesting the reconstruction of Every-town between 1970 and 2054.) But for someone so dedicated to the avant garde, Moholy-Nagy was also remarkably practical. From 1923 to 1928 he was one of the most in-fluential teachers at the Bau-haus, and from 1937 until his death he taught in Chicago, first at the New Bauhaus and then in his own very successful School of Design. He was an excellent realistic photographer during the 1930s in Britain, and found no difficulty working within the often exacting requirements of commer-cial sponsors such as Simp-son's of Piccadilly, for whom he was design consultant for several years, Imperial Airways and London Transport. And all this time he continued to paint and follow out his own independent artistic schemes. The diversity is staggering, but at the same time the show gives a rare feeling of unity and coherence: one man, one

bring about a major rapprochement between art and industry, are at least very pleasing in themselves, and it is striking how readily nearly all the painters concerned have managed to incorporate chairs and aged to incorporate chars and chests and cupboards into their own private world. I particularly liked Mary Fedden's cupboard with the contents painted on the door, John Houston's dressing-table mirror and poppies ing-table mirror and popples around the frame such as might have slipped over of their own accord from a nearby painting and John Picking's chest with landscapes round the sides and a bird's eye view of a village square painted on the top, so that one has the illusion of looking down into a box of delights. But the whole show has an enchanting sense of enjoyment and sheer fun, had by the artists while creating their pieces and to be had by the eventual lucky owners.

The results, if unlikely to

the era and to keep his own

George Airchison (who?) is a further case of anonymity in the applied acts. Even the show dedicated to his work at the RIBA's Heinz Gallery fea-tures Lord Leighton's name tures Lord Leighton's name much larger than his, because he happened to design Leighton's house in Kensington before, with his reputation thus made, he went on to become a popular and successful architect and interior designer during the Aesthetic Eighties. The RIBA has in its collections many highly evocative designs for interiors of the period (af) of them except Leighton House now, it seems, destroyed), and Margaret Richardson's display of them admirably balances scholarship with a vivid and alluring sense with a vivid and alluring sense of the period. These rooms might have been hell to live in, but they are wholly delightful to reconstruct in our minds.

George Cole: success in the long run

The theatrical Eighties start
with a kind of Outer London
Michael Frayn festival: at the Hammersmith month Leonard Rossiter and Make or Break, a comedy set at a Hamburg Trade Fair, while at Greenwich from Thursday George Cole can be found as the Warden of Balmoral Castle in Frayn's Liberty Hall, a play which first sur-faced at Guildford a couple of years ago concerning a writers' home where Godfrey Winn, Warwick Deeping and Enid Blyton are incarcerated after the Great British Revolution of 1937. The fact that there was no such revolution is of minor importance; the idea that there might have been, and that it might have led to much the same conclusions as the Russian Revolution of 1917, what appealed to Cole and the director Alan Dossor whose careers have already been linked by the BBC television series Don't Forget to Write. But for Cole, the Greenwick run will be a once-and-for-all affair:

"I think there are hopes of a transfer to the West End if al! goes well, but I won't be able to go with it; before we began rehearsals I'd signed for another year of Minder on ITV and that's how I'll be spending the rest of 1980. I seem to spend most of my life in long-running television series but I'm not altogether sorry; il I'm not sure I'd have done even this. An actor very rarely gets to plan his career, you know; he just takes the work that's offered and then if something suddenly becomes a success that's how he spends the next year or so. It's no good having a kind of master plan, because that never works out the way you want it to."

Cole is now 54 and probably one of the most familiar faces in the business, thanks to long years in television:

Other actors get to work in glamorous locations; working as I do for ITV's Euston Films you end up in Noting Hill Gare. They're based in Hammersmith and they give their directors a map and a six-inch piece of string and tell them not to go beyond that. But four or five times in a forty-year career I've found myself in a potentially long-running success like Minder and then it's madness not to enjoy it."

There are two widespread showbusiness myths about George Cole, one that he was an illegitimate son of Alistair Sim, and the other that he was officially adopted by him. officially adopted by Neither is in fact true:

"I never knew who my parents were, but when I was about 10 days old money changed hands in a pub and I was adopted by a London cou-



ple who brought me up in Morden. When I was 15 I left school and I was supposed to start in a butcher's shop the following Monday but I happened to have a paper round and that weekend there was an advertisement in the Star saying they wanted a small boy for White Horse Inn, which sounded better than the bucher's, so I went along to an audition and they sent me up to Blackpool where the tour was starting. I just sent a cable to my adoptive parents telling them where I was going to be, and they didn't seem to mind much, though in retrospect I think perhaps they make have shown more inmight have shown more in-terest in my whereabouts.

"Anyway I stayed with White Horse Inn for a while. in with Terry's Juveniles, and the war was just starting so we the war was just starting so we got shipped over to play Ireland for a month or so, and then the boy I was understudying invited me to go with him to audition for a cockney evacuee in Cottage To Let and I got the job, so without telling anyone I got the train to Birmingham and started rehearsing I didn't understand that if ing I didn't understand that if you were leaving one show to join another you had to tell somebody first."

The success of Cottage To
Let established George Cole as
a child actor in 1940; it also
established his friendship with
Alistair Sim who took Cole and his mother to live with him in a house near Henley-on-Thames during the worst of the London raids. Forty years later, Cole still lives with his old Sim home:

own family next door to the

ways a father figure; he at that time had no children of his own and I think he felt responsible for changing my appalling cockney accent and gesting me on in the profession. He was a marrellous, lovely man, not nearly as eccentric or alarming as he seemed in films. He was a great director, you know, and he never let up; if you went to stay with him for a weekend then rehearsals would carry on all the time. He really wanted to be a director more than he wanted to be an actor; he did a lot of the Bridie plays, and was of course at the Vic in the 1930s where he understudied Paul Robeson as Othello. But he was never a part of the theatre establishment; he stayed away from permanent companies, and in films he was almost always

cast as a comedian, but I don't think he really minded that 100 much." Cole spent four years from 1944 in the RAF; when he went in he was still being cast as schoolboys, and when he came out it was again Sim who gave him a start as an adult actor by casting him in several of his Bridle productions: "But there came a time

when I had to break away, and I think Alistair knew that as well as I did. I began doing Life of Bliss on radio and that gave me a separate sort of identity, though I'm still not sure how much Alistair approved of my growing up and away from him. It wasn't until I did Benana Ridge in 1977 the rest less year of his 1977, the very last year of his life, that he actually came "Alistair was the star of backstage and said 'I'm very that show and it is of course proud of you'. I was over 50 true to say that from then by then, though he had admit-

1961, but we stayed very close and of course when I built this house it was virtually in his garden.

Twice married, Cole now lives with his second family and a constant rehearsal schedule; he can't recall being out of work since 1954, and is one of those actors who has that there might be any other way of making a living: As soon as I was in the chorus of White Horse Inn at

14 I knew that this was the only life; the only terrifying thing is now meeting little old ladies who were in that chorus with me. Then for years I was typecast as an evacuee schoolboy, then I was the spiv in innumerable English films of the Fifties, and every week in Life of Bliss on radio my first line was '25 and still a bachelor' and I was actually 41 before the BBC thought it might be a good idea to end it might the a good idea to end it all. Then I got my divorce and along came A Man Of Our Times about a man of 40 who had just been divorced and made redundant, and for about a decade I was typecast as ITV's crumpled businessman. That took me scraight from bachelor to middle-aged lecher, and one critic said I was in danger not so much of being typecast as of being bedridden. Then Don't Forget To Write, which was the ultimate in menopausal man, and now I'm in danger of being typecast as the failed comman in Minder. the failed con-man in Minder. It's amazing how many types you can get through in a sin-

Since the late 1950s, and the collapse of the Ealing film in-dustry, Cole has been a stage and television rather than a screen actor; he did, however, spend 18 profitable months on Cleopatra as Rex Harrison's deaf-and-dumb backer: "I'm inclined to be fairly

shy, and for about a year on that location a good many of the cast thought I really was deaf and dumb, including Rex. I sometimes think perhaps I should have been a more classical kind of actor, but Richard Widnark put a stop to all that. I'd done a film with him in Berlin, and he was staying here one day when the 'phone rang and after I'd answered it I went back to the lunch rable and said 'I've been asked to play Othello' and Richard literally choked on the milk, which is all he ever drinks, and said 'For God's sake, WHERE?'. That was all I reeded to know" needed to know."

As he embarks on the 1980s. George Cole's main unrealized ambition now is to turn director. He is at exactly the age when Alistair Sim first began

John Cage

Suggest that John Cage is genuine composer, and you are likely to be met with amaze-ment or disbelief. We have prown used to the picture of him as the naive practical joker of the musical world, the man who puts nuts and bolts inside the grand piano, the artist who leaves his creative decisions to the toss of a coin. But this caricature leaves out

of account Cage's consistently developed philosophical position, breathtakingly elementary though that might be, and it also ignores the virtue he has always placed in discipline and technique. By performing his music with care and serious-ness of intent on Sunday, Richard Bernas and ensemble, Music Projects/London, were able to show what beauty remains when virtually all the devices and assumptions been ditched.

Their programme began with the 16 Dances for nine instru-mentalists, a score which was written in 1951 and was one of the first in which Cage dis-covered "the possibility of saying nothing". His recent studies of Zen had taught him the purpose of purposelessness, but he a bell stroke, a had to find for himself the on the trumpet.

William Mann Before you scoff at the title of

> They were almost forgotten until Janet Baker and Pischer-Dieskan resurrected them for a gramphone record. They are dubiously traditional in melody and versification, but contain some respectable Beethoven, essome respectable Beethoven, especially in the instrumental interlude to "Sion, the Son of Evan", and in the harmonic elaboration and dramatic structure of the ture of "God Save the King"—which Beethoven fondly regar-

Given those ingredients it was sensible to complete the programme with solo songs for both singers, and a piano trio. John Shirley-Quirk selected Beethoven's cycle An die ferne

singular sounds, according to the dictates of a musical draughts game, so that events follow one another without rhyme or reason and simple little ideas keep winding round in irregular repetition. By the time he wrote Atlas eclipticalis a decade later, Cage

means to remove from his work

had long abandoned the strategies of the completely determined 16 Dances. Here the players are merely handed squiggles of notation and their responsibility is all the greater in ensuring that the result is not a fiasco of folly, but a noble attempt to project sounds as objects of meditation, unencumbered by a composer's plan or a performer's expressive aim. Music Projects achieved that in a realization that made intelligent use of electronics to bring about constantly renewed sur-prise and delight, and which only rarely lapsed into dreary melancholy.

It is extraordinarily difficult to respond to Cage's purpose-less music without making the effort to find pattern, structure or meaning. Bur, as this concert so eloquently proved, a music without sense can be the occosion for one to discover anew the quality of a simple interval. a bell stroke, a soft-held note

Mainly Beethoven Queen Elizabeth Hall

this new year series on the South Bank (it ended last right), consider how much of Beethoven's chamber music, outside string quarters and pisno sonatas, is played in any locality, including London, every month, even including Radio 3. Sunday night's concert was built round Beethoven's arrangements of British so-called folksongs, made and piano trio.

ded as a folk song (perhaps he was right).

Gelicite, and sang it respect trio, perfully and with much artistry of musicians.

too studied nature. The vitality of the music was, mercifully, supplied by Martin Isepp's eloquent piano playing. Mr Isepp had already proved

himself an unashamed, fascinating yet always loyal, accompanying planist for the other singer Sheila Armstrong, who suitably chose a group of lovely and quite elaborate English canzonets by Haydn, Beethoven's sometime teacher but, far more, substitute musical fatherfigure, feared, scorned, and very influential. The relationship cannot musically be too often brought to mind where Beeth-oven is concerned. We heard it in the folk song

settings as the metropolitan interpretation of (in this case, supposedly) artiess rustic bal-ladry. It was also present in the piano trio, Beethoven's op 70, no 2 in E flat major, which the Parikian/Fleming/Roberts Trio choice from seven big trios by Beethoven, of which only the two with nicknames seem usually to be considered for concert purposes.

Beethoven's E flat trin is an heroic work of the revolutionary period towards its end, composed in 1808, its piano writing brilliant, a presage of the Emperor Concerto a year later; yet the development of the first movement is dominated by the string duo - a real trio, perfect for these three

Sheridan Morley | Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yester-day's later editions

many ways Moholy-Nagy is the model twentieth-century ervist, able simultaneously to embrace the manifold possibilities of counsel. It is an achievement all the more associating because it seems all to come quite unselfconsciously. 2s though it were the most natural thing in the world. ural thing in the world.

In the 1930s there were many more conscious attempts to bridge the gap between industry and the fine arts by hiring famous painters to design textiles and furniture and ceramics. The practice seems to have died out today, and so artists who are not somehow involved with the crafts, making their own furniture or note or whatever, tend ture or pots or whatever, tend to steer very clear. The Mercury Gallery has had the intriguing idea of changing all that by encouraging gallery artists to decorate already existing furniture according to their fancy (rather as Duncan Grart and Vanessa Bell used to do in the Omega Workshop).

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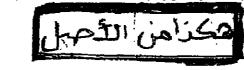
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Rugby Union

England restore Colclough at lock

Rugby Correspondent

Clive Woodward, the Leicester centre who won his first England cap against Ireland at the weekend after Tony Bond had been carried off with a broken leg, will play in the next international, against France in Paris on Saturday week, and Mouries, Colelands, will be the second of the and Maurice Colclough will reclaim from Nigel Horton the place at lock that would have been his, but for a rib follow, in the lrish game.

Irish game.

These are the only changes to the side which began a new decade with such a heartening victory by 24 points to nine. The chainman of selectors, "Budge" Rogers, said Colclough must prove his filmess by playing for his club, Angouleme, next weekend and then train with the national party at Coventry next Monday. The two elling reserves for Paris will travelling reserves for Paris will be the same as those chosen for the Irish match except that Paul Dodge now enters the list instead of his colleague in the Leicester

of his colleague in the Leicester centre.

It is clear that the merits of Colclough and Nigel Horton were debated at some length by the selectors and that whoever was left out would be entitled to feel hard done by. Horton will reflect that, in spite of his lack of matchplay, he contributed a full part to the sterling forward effort, and that the selectors might have been strongly inclined to stick to a successful combination. Colclough will remember that he had been the first choice for the Irish game.

There will be sympathy for Horton who had a magnificent match against France last season, but Colclough had the better of their private argument in the trial and should be capable with his rwo-handed catching of being at least as effective at the line-out, and of offering rather more in other phases of forward play.

The sad loss of Bond, for whose direct and trenchant style there is no obvious replacement, means a different balance in midfield.



Two to face France: Woodward (left), preferred to club colleague, Dodge, and Colclough

Dodge has more experience than Woodward but the selectors have to beware the pace of the French back division and that may just have wifted the scales in Woodward's favour.

Despite the seriousness of the injury, there is no question that Bond will be able to play again and should resume his career next incurred, perhaps, in the first round of the John Player Cup. The popular Bond, outwardly as cheerful as could be, but admit-

cheerful as could be, but admit-ting to bitter disappointment at being unable to share in what he is sure will be a memorable England season, is now holding court for all his friends at the West Middlesex hospital, Isle-worth.

He will not have his broken left leg put in plaster for three or four more days. He cracked both tibia and fibula just below the left knee and is now in traction. ENGLAND: W. H. Hare (Lefcester):
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Newcomers press claim

By Peter West

It seems probable that a number of players who participated in their country's B victory over France at Auriliac on Sunday may win their first senior caps when Scotland begin their international campaign, against Ireland in Dublin on Saturday week.

One of them is the Jedforest scrum half, Roy Laidlaw, who has been breathing down the neck of Alan Lawson all season. Others are John Beattle, a big rangy number eight from Glasgow Academicals whose form was impressive in the inter-district championship and the trial; Jim Burnett, the Heriot's FP prop who threatens to end the distinguished international career of lan McLauchlan; Jim Calder, the Stewart's-Melville FP flanker; Cuthbertson, the Kilmarnock meeting of the Rugby Union on the lock; and Steve Muoro. a wing february 15. One of the main pro-By Peter West

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county and club rugby should be decided at the next full committee meeting of the Rugby Union on February 15. One of the main proposals is likely to be the establishment of a nationwide league system for the leading clubs. Stewart's merune
Cuthbertson, the Kilmarnock
lock; and Steve Munro, a wing
from Ayr who may replace Bruce
Hay. Munro is reported to have
had an indifferent game in France,

Lloyd does his homework

an in-depth study by John Lloyd, the Welsh coach, as he plots his next moves in his team's attempt to win the five nations champion-ship for a fifth time in six years. Lloyd, given a rousing start to his new poistion by Wales's brilliant 18—9 victory over France in 18—9 victory over France in Cardiff on Saturday, puts the suc-cess down to "doing our home-work well".

The French had been studied on film and carefully analysed. Clearly England will be put under the same microscope, especially after their morale-boosting success over Ireland. Lloyd says of the second leg of the Welsh title chase: "It will

me weish the chase: "It will obviously not be an easy game for us. But the team has a good blend of experience and youth, and they have already proved they can play well together." A top forward in his playing days, Lloyd believes it was the pressure

applied in the scrummages that proved the decisive factor on Saturday. "We put in a lot of work in rucking and mauling and it paid off. We won so much good ball that we could have won by 30 points." Lloyd will not be drawn on the possibility of his piloting the side to the title in his first season—"We'll take every match as it comes", he said.

season—" We'll take every match as it comes", he said.

However, he has every reason to be confident after the comprehensive defeat of the French, who had hoped to become the first team to win a championship match at Cardiff since 1968. Ominously for England, Terry Holmes and Gareth Davies provided more proof that they are rolmes and Garett Davies pro-vided more proof that they are maturing into a world-class half-back pairing, and Derek Quinnell, who missed the match against France, is likely to he fit to add his considerable talents to the Welsh back row.

Cricket

Boycott should have learnt his lesson

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Sydney, Jan 21

Geoffrey Boycott makes another of his periodic appearances in the headlines here today for something that has happened off the field rather than on it. The grievances he aired in what he took to be a private conversation on Saturday were printed " out of context " in London yesterday and reappear in this afternoon's Sydney papers. The burden of them was that he is not sufficiently appreciated by the other members of the England party.

Boycott should know by now to

be on his guard; it is sickening,

all the same, when it happens. On

his own admission he gets depressed from time to time and flares up"; anyone who bas toured with him comes to expect t. Its effect on the team could, if anything, be beneficial by encouraging them to compensate in any way they can for their one occasionally dissident member. The England side for the second of the finals in the Benson and of the finals in the Benson and Hedges World Series one-day competition here tomorrow will be the same as yesterday's. It contains Boycott, but not Underwood, Lever, Randall or Stevenson. Emburey did a good job in Melbourne by pinning the West Indians down, and although Willis conceded 51 runs in his 10 overs, he is preferred again to Lever.

There is an irony in the omits. There is an irony in the omis-sion of Lever and Underwood: in England last summer they were the two most successful bowlers

(the only two to take 100 first-class wickets) with a reputation for being as effective in one-day as in three-day matches. Should West Indies win tomorrow, thereby making sure of winning the best-of-three final, the third match on Thursday will not take place.

Thursday will not take place.

It was a shame yesterday that a side which has worked so hard at its fielding and fielded so very well should have lost the match on catching. While West Indies held two bilinders, one by King and the other by Lloyd. England put three catches on the floor. Botham's would have been a very good one. He was following through when bowling at Greenidge and the ball came back wide and low to his right; he got enough of a hand to it to have held it perhaps three times out of ten. Gower's at short times out of ten. Gower's at short midwicket and Boycott's at deep square leg were easier. Had either Botham or Gower held on, England would probably have won

There were gains in defeat, Lar-kins and Willey played extremely well and West Indies showed again that when Richards has one of his

tainly no better than Botham and Brearley in the same positions, and the four West Indian fast howlers. Roberts, Holding, Garner and Croft, make a longish tail.

When the faster bowling of West Indian sides is as strong as it is now, the batting usually suf-fers, and vice versa. In West Indies fers, and vice versa. In West Indies in 1973-74, for example, the first nine in the West Indian order were: Fredericks, Rowe, Kallicharran, Kanhai, Lloyd, Sobers, Murray, Julien and Boyce. However, their fast attack then — Julien, Boyce and Sobers, who was good for only three of four overs with the new ball—was a very different proposition from the present one.

present one.

I flew here last night ahead of the England ream. Only Randall of the England party was on the flight, bearing red roses for his wife, who had just arrived in Sydney. Though as cheerful and delightful as ever, Randall had been warching Larkins play well erough to know that Larkins will almost certainly he preferred to him in the last Test match. In spite of having had so little cricket on the tour, Larkins judged a towering carch at deep square leg with great accuracy and batted with a soundness and sense of aggression which most have made aggression which must have made some watchers wonder why he has

yet to win a full England cap.

Two or three years ago a BBC production team, who were making a film about county cricker, went to Edgbaston primarily to cover the administrative side of the game. While there they thought it as well to take some action shots or "cutawavs". Warwickshire were playing Northamptonshire at the time and Larkins had just taken guard when the comeras started to turn. the comeras started to turn. In the event he made a fast and

In the event he made a fast and brilliant hundred; the cameramen stayed to shoot it and the film, now in the BBC archives, is said to show the drive in all its glory. It is said that in Cook Northamptonshire have a third batsman who can play as well as Willey and Larkins, and whether all or any of them have the temperament to make a real Test batsman—that counts for just as much as batting ability—the next much as barting ability—the next year will probably tell. Willey is 30, Lurkins 26 and Cook 28. WSC sale: Another nall was hammered into the coffin of World

Series Cricket when some of its wares went up for sale in a small groundsman's shed at the Waver-ley ground in Melbourne, AP reports. Among the items bought were soil from the pitch, covers, lights, and the boundary rope over which Dennis Lillee ripped to take a controversial catch during one of the night games at the ground.

BRISBANE: Shellicid Shield (third day): New South Wales, 404 (or 5 dec and 14 for no wkis, Queensland, 512 for 8 dec (C. Chappell 166). rare off-days, they lose a lot of their assurance. Lloyd is not the player he was, and Haynes, for all this promise, has yet to make much of a mark at this level. King at No 6 and Murray at No 7 are cer-PERTH: Shiriffeld Shireld; South Australia, 257 and 326 for 8 dec 11, Nath 69, 1, Choppell 66; 6, Porter 4 for 112, Western Australia, 191, and 49

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21 00324 Rosarre, S. Deshit, 6-11-2

21 00300-f Shawalman, C. Richards, 7-11-2

2-1 Benvalla, S. Regeric, S. Felgate, 6-11-2

2-1 Benvalla, S. Regeric, S. Felgate, 6-11-2

Cleuch, Old Head, 16-1 others.

3.15 CASSOP HURDLE (Novices: £627: 2m)

Sedgefield selections

12.45 Young Horn. 1.15 Battlement. 1.45 Burelov. 2.15 Santon Brig. 2.45 Inter State. 3.15 Schumann.

Worcester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1,30 Melaleura. 2,6 Hindu Tapestry. 2,30 Sasck Time. 3,0 Bowshot. 3,30 Time. 4.0 Carronade.

ROYAL CHARLEY, b g. by Ardistan — Quarrizie (J. Rughes), 9-11-0, Haynes (4-1) 1 ALSO RAN: 7-2 White Paper (f), 6-1 Caper's Lad (f), 15-2 Alico (p), 20-1 Clear Deal (ref), Tower Bridge, Another Charm (4th), 50-1 Deal Amery (p), 10 ren, NR: Betton Gorse. 3.0 (3.2) SUSSEX HURDLE (Handi-cap: £1,605; 2m 1f) STOPPED. ch g, by Crecionom.
Gin Bounty (T. Lindlow)
S-11-10 J. Francoms (9-2 h fay)
Libol (J. Kear (9-1)
Salvay (G. Moore (6-1) 3

Handicap: £1,407: 2m 26

FURY SPIRIT, ch m by Fury
Royal—Old Linda (M. Evans)
7-10-5. Mr C. Boalby (4-5 fay)
Cantastar. Mr A. J. Wilson (5-1)
Rol Rig. Mrs Diane Grissell (33-1)
ALSO RAN: 100-50 Lochus (u),
50-1 Pot Black (4th. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 14p: dual f. 34p. CSF,
32p. N. Henderson, at Lambourn. 201,
101.
4.0 (4.1) BURPHAM HURDLE (Div
II: novices: £775: 2m 17)

One from the Rimell team to stop Channon scoring

By Michael Phillips

Disappointing as it was to see Saturday's richly-endowed card at Haydock Park fall victim of the weather, all is happily not lost. W. D. and H. O. Wills, who have sponsored the Embassy Premier Steeplechase series for the past 10 years, announced yesterday that they were prepared to reopen the they were prepared to reopen the final for those who were originally eligible and stage at Haydock selection for the Martley Handicap final for those who were originally eligible and stage at Haydock on Friday, February 29. That is what happened 12 months ago when the original fixture was blotted out by snow and ice. The final was staged at the next Haydock meeting at the beginning of March when visitors to the Lancashire course were treated to that memorable duel between Silver Buck and Night Nurse.

It was only race this season. Tino, my selection for the Martley Handicap selection for the Martley Handicap useful Nimrody at Sandown Park earlier this month. His opposition to the hunter-chasing and point-to-pointing season drawing closer and closer—they begin on February 1—this seems as good an opportunity as any to draw attention to the 1980 edition of the Horse and Hound Hunters

spark our has already carried his colours successfully this winter at Devon and Exeter but sentiment plays no part in the destiny of prize money and in this instance I cannot persuade myself to believe that Spark Off will manage to give 10th to Melalenca, always assuming that the latter manage to give 1000 to Melalenca, always assuming that the latter takes kindly to jumping. Melalenca was considered to be at least a stone better than Spark

Off on the flat, according to the

final was staged at the next Haydock meeting at the beginning of March when visitors to the Lancashire course were treated to that memorable duel between Silver Buck and Night Nurse.

Fred Rimell, who was more than hopeful of winning Saturday's race with the ante-post favourite Drusus, can concern himself with other thoughts now, notably winning the first division of the Blakedown Novices Hurdle at Worcester today with Melateuca. As a hife-long supporter of Southampton Football Club I would like to see this race won by Spark Off, who is owned by that club's fine footballer and incurable racing enthusiast, Mick Channon.

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The new edition includes a synopsis of the form of each of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed last year and a complete list of the 2,933 horses that competed l to make his first appearance on the first day of the new season in the Wiffred Johnston Humers Steeplechase at Sandown Park.

Rambling Jack strolls in

Cup last year, and in May he tore a hock so badly when turned out to grass that it was feared he would have to be destroyed.

John O'Neill rode Rambling Jack to victory against his solitary opponent, Cumbria, in the County Handicap Steeplechase at Stockton yesterday, and then told Ken Oliver, the trainer, that he would partner the nine-year-old in the Grand National.

Rambling Jack tracked Cumbria — they jumped only 14 instead of 18 fences because of the state of 18 fences because of the state of 18 fences because of the volument, where he forged clear for a five-length victory. Oliver said that if the going was "deep" at Cheltenham Rambling Jack might go for the Gold Cup as well as the National. Hills and Corals quote some prevented Major Hobert Ballile's chestant from running in the Cheltenham Gold Cup last year, and in May he tore afternoon. 13 were unable to get to the course because of the snowy conditions, including four borses from the Greystoke stable

MARHILL BELL ch g by Gain Per-formance—Curacasana (D. Garri-

Miss B. Oliver (2-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Legams, 5-1 Wmstanwick, 15-3 Jean Marjorie, (1, 7-1
Ragues Ban, 14-1 London Belle (dei),
Milbit, 20-1 Sir Allen, 10 ran, NR:
Still Windy, Robins Chance, Warmspons Joy,

Miss B. Oliver (2-1) 3

Worcester programme

1.30 BLAKEDOWN HURDLE (Div I: Novices: 4y-o: £547: 2m)

2.0 WARNDON CHASE (Novices : Selling : £952 : 21m)

2.30 BROADWAY HURDLE (Handicap : £983 : 3m)

3.0 COLWALL CHASE (Novice Handicap: £1,042: 2m) CULWALL CHASE (NOVICE Mandicap: £1,042; 2m)

2-1f Lanka, W. Price, 8-11-5

23210 Solar Land (D), G. Price, 70-11-3

10-0022 Bold Argumant, R. Blakenev, 7-11-7

04-1 Princety Call, Mrs. G. Jones, 6-10-13

0-47 Twilight Gold, M. McCourt, 7-10-3

3-100 Aspen, D. Gandolfo, 8-10-3

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3-2- Mrs. Kille, A. W. Jones, 8-10-1

3-3-10-2 Filtenn Two, G. Price, 7-10-1

3-3-10-2 Filtenn Two, G. Price, 7-10-1

3-3-10-2 Bowshol, Earl Jones, 6-10-0

R. Ryelt p2-30-2 Ballybutler, V. Blichoo, 8-10-0

4 Princety Call, 4-1 Bold Argument, 5-1 Bowshol, 7-1 Ballybutler, 8-1

9-4 Princely Call, 4-1 Bold Argument, 5-1 Bowshot, 7-1 Bellybunier, 8-1 Fideen Two, 10-1 Lanka. Solar Lad, 16-1 others. 3.30 MARTLEY CHASE (Handicap: £1,396: 3m)



7-2 Double Negative. 4-1 Ormande Tudar, 9-3 Alpenstock, 5-1 Thro. 8-1 Nicholas Nickleby II, 10-1 Border Brief, 16-1 others. 4.0 BLAKEDOWN HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 4-y-o: £581: 2m) CAKEDOWN HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 4-y-o: 5581: 2m)

Ob Apparties, Mrs N. Kennedy, 10-8

S. Shilston

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Carronade, L. Keanned, 10-8

Ocolie, M. Oliver, 10-8

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Ocories, Scot, M. McCourt, 10-8

Codwit, G. James, 10-8

Gawyan NI, K. Briddwarter, 10-8

Cor Migh Ability, A. Sutton, 10-8

Migh Ability, A. Sutton, 10-8

Millers Court, G. Prire, 10-8

Nevers King, M. Jackson, 10-8

O Parton Belle, D. While, 10-8

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TOTE: Win: 21p: pieces. 11p. 20c, 22.43; dual forecast. 22.43. CSF: 22.51. D. Gerraton at Malion. St. 7i. No bid for the winner. 21.56: 2.17; COUNTY CHASE (Handistration of the control o

EARLINGS JACK of 9 by Wrekin Rambling Jack of 9 by Wrekin Rambler—Gilliana (Ma) H. Balling 9-12-2 J. O'Nelli (8-13 fav. 1 Cambria R. Lamb (11-8) 2 ran. NR: Only Money. TOTE: Win: 13p, J, K, Oliver at Rawick, 5l,

TOTE: Win: 27p; places, 40p, 65p, 14p; dual forecast; £1.10, CSF; £2.16, M, W, Basterby, at Baster.

ALSO RAN: 16-1 Chora; Lag (4th).

Meimerby, Tillii, 20-1 The Sergeant
(f), Perucia (f), Loyal Partner, Bow
Buils, Meidrette, 35-1 King Tui (f),
12 ran. NR: Rathdale, TOTE: Win: 11p: piaces, 10p, 30p. £1.15: dual forecast: 17a, CSF: 34p. A, Dickinson at Harewood, 21, 5i. 2.45 (2.49) THORPE HURDLE (Handicop: £573: 2m 175yds)

EROKEN COUNTRY b h by Busted

-Vale of Henry (R. Sengator)
6-10-6 P. Tack (9-4 fav)
King Bins ... J. O'Neill (7-1)
2 Priddy Friendly . G. Pixtori (6-1)
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Autimit Glow, 71
Titly Work. 6-1 Halke-Loup, 10-1
Freder, Tribal Warterd, 14-1 Knocketpach, 20-1 Green Dancer, Mousy Mar25-1 Mandy a Time. Sci. Laddrick, Red
Country, Lady or Elegance (4th). 15
Ran. NR: Streep Ahead.
TOTE: Win: 27p; piaces, 40p, 65p. Gantier, James Ware.

TOTE Win: SBp; places, 21.02, 10p; dual forecast: 11p, CSF: 29p, M. W. Easterly at Sherriff Hutton, 1'sl. 25; TOTE DOUBLE: Rambling Jack and Bedsworth Boy 21, 45. TREBLE: Narthill Bell, Bruken Country and Three Ways E147,00 (sed on first two 10gs) a PLACESPOTA B5_73s.



OLENHAWK, b.c. by Furry Glen-Genazzapo (N. Capon', 4-10-3 Glitter Star R. Rowell (10-1) 2 Garagea R. R. Rowell (10-1) 2 Harpatyea . R. Cochrane (25-1) 3

Stockton results 1.15 (1.16) BOWES HURDLE (Div 1: 4-y-o Novices: £472; 2m 176yds) BAMP to g by Sapreme Severeign

Lighter Jumper IR. Spencer:
10-9 ... O'Nell! (1-4 2v) 1
Cakic Tera ... M. Lowry (14-1) 2
Kefhalik ... R. Lamb (10-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 10-1 Denton (4th), 33-1 Price Fairly, 40-1 Ge Benlield, 50-1 Conairs (f), 7 ram NR: Bused-away, Cool Down, Fille d'Cr. His Reverence, Softigner, TOTS: Win: 12p; places, 10p, 29p; dual forecast: 49p. CSF: 47p, M. H.; Basterby at Malton. 5l, 15l.

Marpatysa .. R. Cochrane (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 French Charlens,
7-1 Hobert Adam, 13-1 Ahmar
Ashemali, 30-1 Bred Scott, Grey
Fusilias (4th), Johlee's (p), Parinty
Time, 25-1 Ridgeman, Silver Steel
(p), Rash Street Kin, Gay Supreme
(p), Robony, Rose D'Amour, Petz
Condition, 17 rm. NR: Carleywee,
Molly's Lad and Leading Artist,
TOTE: Win, 17p: places, 10p, 22p,
£1,65; thai /, 57p. CSF, £1.08. B.
TOTE DOUBLE: Rosed Charley and
Fury Spirit, E. 10. TREBLE: Carebooks. Stopped and Gierhavy,
£266.85; PlacePOT; RA.75, JACKPOT: £180.60.

Football

Liverpool may have to wait a little longer for the League Cup

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
A lot has happened to the clubs
involved in tonight's delayed Football League Cup semi-final round
first leg matches since the draw
was made early in December when
only Liverpool knew they were
safely through. Liverpool themselves have gained only one point
from their last two games, Nottingham Forest have rediscovered
themselves, Swindon Town finally
beat Arsenal, and Wolverhampton
Wanderers were taken to a second
replay by Grimsby Town.
None of this drastically alters
the first conclusion which is that By Norman Fox

None of this drastically alters the first conclusion which is that the matches, Forest v Liverpool, and Swindon v Wolves, were likely to be close run, especially as the ties are played over two legs, the second being on February 13. If any prediction made at the time is even sounder now, it is that Liverpool's sense of frustration at being paired with the team who knocked them out of the European Cup last season and beat them in the League at the City ground in September, is justified.

Saturday's 2—1 win at Leeds showed that Forest's recuperation after several weeks in the doldrums was almost complete. But there is something of a mystery in the contraction of the contr

there is something of a mystery concerning future intentions if George, who is on loan from southampton, is hought. George is ineligible for the League Cup and the FA Cup, in which Forest play Unerpool again on Saturday so O'Neill regains a place tonight.
Presumably, without George and Bowles, both Cup-tied, Forest will liave Francis in the attacking position where he fimished on Saturday.

day. Coventry City's defeat of Liverpool was deserved but the cham-nions are entitled to an off day and as these occur so infrequently and as these occur so intrequently it would be foothardy to draw conclusions. Indeed, if Liverpool are at their most dangerous in the few minutes after conceding a goal, equally they expect to punish the team they face after defeat. But Forest know them well and play them sensibly. The League Sut Forest know them well and play them sensibly. The League that Liverpool have not won, but they may have to wait for a year n which they avoid Forest.

If there is an occasional weak-Cup is the only domestic trophy that Liverpool have not won, but they may have to wait for a year in which they avoid Forest.

ness in Liverpool's make up it is when they become frustrated by failure to dominate. Dalglish, busily though he played on Saturday, became augry at his failure to score and in the end lost composure in the penalty area where he is usually so positive. On previous occasions Forest have belied their own defensive in security and kept Dalglish under control while matching Liverpool's work and pace. There is no clever tactical secret.

Tactical secret.

There is ample incentive for both sides but if defeat sharpens resolve perhaps Liverpool's hunger will be the greater. It was Forest who beat them in the League Cupfinal of 1978 and that may count for more than the omens read into the defeat at the City ground in September. At that time Liverpool were suffering from a slow start,

from seven games.

The pitch at Nottingham is expected to be playable but heavy. There was surface water yesterday but the ground staff were confident that they could clear it. Even so, the ground is bound to be shippery and lead to defensive mistakes. A lot will depend on the central defenders who will be marking fact forwards. Burns has marking fast forwards. Burns has just completed a two-match sus-pension for Forest, but Hansen, the young Liverpool centre back, the young Liverpool centre back, is quicker now and saved his team from a heavier defeat on Saturday. Wolves hope that the former England captaln. Hughes, will be fit to play at Swindon but fear that a difficult pitch could aggravate his knee injury which was painful after Saturday's match at Crystal Palace. No decision will be made until today but Hughes believes he is ready for a game he is keen to win in case it should lead to a League Cup final against his former club. Liverpool. Even if Hughes is unable to appear, the Wolves team able to appear, the Wolves team will be stronger for the return of Hibbitt, who has served a sus-pension.

FA bring charge | Ormond forced of disrepute against Walsh

lan Walsh, the Crystal Palace striker, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association. The FA move follows an incident after the FA Cup replay defeat by Swansea City at Cardiff last week when Walsh was shown the red card in the tunnel by the Bristol referee, Eric Read, for allegedly arguing.

Mr Read said he twice warned Walsh to go away and when Walsh persisted, produced the red card. Walsh said he was not

Billy Bremner, the Doncaster Rovers manager, faces a similar charge under FA rule 35. Mr Bremner is charged with disrepute for allegedly making comments to the Manchester referee, R. Banks after the Boxing Day match at Walsall.

Last night's results FA cup

were suffering from a slow start, having taken only seven points from seven games.

to delay on Hibernian offer

The millionaire Chairman of Hibernian, Tom Hart, said yester-day that he has offered a job to Willie Ormond, the former Scotland and Hearts manager. But the move by Mr Ormond, from one Edinburgh club to the other, is temporarily delayed because of litination

the likes of Alckiaus and Watson come out of their lairs. Mischell showed no brash confidence and even after his final round of 67 he was of the opinion that had anyone made the gap narrower than two there might have been a different story. Mr Ormond was dimissed by Hearts 13 days ago and threatened to take the first division club to an industrial tribunal. He resigned the Scotland manager's job in 1977 to join Hearts. a different story. So pronounced was the fall-away of those round him that Rik Massengale, who was no better than fordeth at the halfway stage, drew up to second place with a final 65. Weather on the final day

Geoffrey Macpherson has been appointed chairman of Nottingham Forest, to replace Stuart Dryden who was jailed for six mouths at Nottingham crown court last was cloudless, but the drenching of the course had undermined the confidence of some and enabled established regulars, such as Crenshaw and Pate, to close up behind the leader. week on deception charges. Mr Macpherson, a Nottingham magis-trate, has been acting chairman for the past week.

Spain have decided to stage their friendly match with England on March 25 in Barcelona rather than Madrid. The two countries meet in a B international at Sunderland the day before Massengale also had plenty to smile about. He made more yesterday than in the past two seasons together. A five-week lay-

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated: LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final round, Fred 125 Notlingham Forest v Liverpool: Swindon Town v Wolverhampton leg: Nollingnam.
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Egsom and Ewell v Hompton:
pollian Police v Farmhorough.
Cuo, fifth round: Barking v
Duwich Hamlet v Harwich and
sion: Enfield v Dagenham.

Husband and wife team with a baby and an Olympic skating title to take care of

Russian couple put politics on ice

From John Hennessy Göteborg, Jan 21 Goteborg, Jan 21

Fears that the threatened boycott of the Olympic Games might rub off on the Winter Games to be held at Lake Placid next month, are not shared by Irina Rodnina and her husband, Alexander Zaitsev, who will be defending their pairs skating title against the American and world champions, Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner.

This event promised in any

Randy Gardner.

This event promised in any case to be the bighlight of the whole Winner Olympics programme in view of the 10-year dominance of Miss Rodnina (with two partners) and of the spellbinding performance of the American pain in last year's world championships in Vienna at a time when Miss Rodnina was nursing a formight-old beby in Moscow.

When the point was put to her last night Miss Rodnina answered that she and her bushand had competed many times in the United States, and always had a generous reception. In skating, she said, people were concerned only with the performance on the ce.

only with the percordance on the ice.

Further pressed about the special circumstances that might obtain in Lake Placid, Miss Rodnina answered that she did not believe that President Carter's pronouncements recently represented the view of the American public as a whole, still less that of the skating fraternity. Anyway weren't the Olympic Games historically intended to put an end to wars and bring seace?

Putting political considerations apart, Miss Rodmina felt that the highly charged atmosphere might act against American interests. It was a question of character. In was a question of character. In was a question of character. In such circumstances a competitor in any sport might be inspired to greater achievements. On the other hand he or she might crumble under the pressure of national expectation. Furthermore, "as everyone knows", it is always harder to defend a title than win one in the first place.

Phoenix, Arizona, Jan 21

The American golf circuit has started with two first-time winners. Jegg Mischell, who prevailed here at the weekend in the Phoenix Open, had, like Craig Stadler the week before, never taken first prize, in this case £25,000. But there is still some way to go before they beat last year's total of 12 first-time winners.

Such results are all the more likely at this time of year before the likes of Nicklaus and Watson come out of their lairs. Mitchell

Mitchell says goodbye to

Monday morning blues



Walking her baby back home: a revitalized Miss Rodnina and son stepping out in Moscow

She had watched the American pair's performance on television and generously volunteered the view that their free programme had been the best they had ever had been the best they had ever done. At all events it will be a fascinating occasion when the day dawns—after President Carter, of all people, has performed the opening ceremony.

Baby Sasha succeeded where so many had previously failed in depriving Miss Rodmina of her world championship. Until last year she had won on 10 successive occasions, to say nothing of 10

last six holes. There had been mistakes but fate was kind to him and left him an easy way out each time.

A total of 82 made the halfway

A total of 82 made the halfway cut and play started from the first and tenth tees throughout the tournament. This applies only at this stage of the season when there is less light. It also made possible an early finish, so that play did not interfere with television broadcast of the Super Bowl, which sounds like a chef's speciality but which is one of those football climaxes on a national scale.

LEADING SCORES: 272. J. Mitchell. 69, 67, 69, 67: 276, R. Massengale, 73. 71, 76, 69: 278, T. M. Sallivar, 70, 66, W. Rogers, 68, 69, 73, 68, L. Rennar, 69, 66, 73, 70, C. Coedy, 69, 68, 71, 70, R. Curl, 68, 69, 71, 70, 279, B. Crenshaw, 71, 71, 69, 68, 73, 72, 68, D. Pohl, 67, 75, 70, 69; 280, C. Stadler, 73, 66; 73, 72, 68, L. C. Saead, 66, 75, 72, 69; 281, C. Saead, 66, 75, 72, 69; 281, C. Saead, 66, 75, 72, 69; 281, G. Littler, 70, 68, 71, 72, —Reuter,

Halford Hewitt draw

The draw for the Halford Hewitt

golf tournament at the Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal, and

the Royal St George's Golf Club, Sandwich, is as follows:

DEAL: April 10: Charterhouse v Repton: Stonyhurst v Loretto: Lancing v Wellingborough; Aldenham v Rugby: Watson's v Stowe: Bradfield v Mill Hill; Wrakin v Highgate: Sherborne v

national scale.

Successive European titles and two Olympic gold medals, an achievement surely with few, if any, parallels in sport.

Miss Rodnina's first partner, way back, was Alexei Ulanov, but when he fell in love with another skater Miss Rodnina in due course followed suit. At first her association with Alexander Zaitsev was of a sporting nature, but love was of a sporting nature, but love was of a sporting nature, out love blossomed there, too. With her new partner a rapport was so quickly established that she won again the following year (1973) and has been at the top ever since.

Conflicting opinions on

Cousins's prospects

Ice skating

Göteborg, Jan 21

Göreborg, Jan 21

If Robin Cousins's trainer is to be believed, the British champion has no chance of winning the men's European figure skating championship, which begins here tomorrow after today's draw for judges. Carlo Fassi, once of Italy, now living in the United States, guided John Curry to his Olympic gold medal four years ago and is therefore a man who knows what he is talking about.

On the other hand his wife, Christa, is almost as knowledgeable and she feels that her husband is taking an unnecessarily pessimis-

and see teets that her husbald is taking an unnecessarily pessimis-no view. "He said that about Curry at Geneva in 1976", she said, "and look what happened to him "Well, what happened to him was that he scraped home only by the minimum margin of five indees to four.

It is possible to take too cynical a view of these matters, but all the same Cousins might have

the same Cousins might have hoped for better things in today's draw for the four judges to join the five who qualify automatically as a result of last year's result. The five are from the Soviet Union, Britain, France and the two Germanys. The four drawn today were from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Austria. Sweden. Denmark, Finland and Hungary were left out in the cold. Even if Cousins is a goal down

for him to win here to establish his

seemed much wrong with his heart today. He seemed perfectly relaxed facing the press for the only time before his three-day ordination.

Tomorrow's compulsory figures will give a guide to his prospects.

five judges to four.

I put it to her that husband and wife partnerships rarely worked in skating. "In our case it does", she said. "Sure we have our quarrels on the ice and at home, but they are different quartels."
It does not seem a prescription for domestic harmony, but the Zaitsers seem to thrive on it.

The baby has brought a powerful new influence in her life—"a deeper joy than all the medals put together." Her husband will never forget Red Army Day, 1979, because it was the day his baby was born. Now Miss Rodnina is anxious to have a daughter "fairly soon".

Rio Sache ". Big Sasha (a diminutive for

Big Sasha (a diminutive for Alexander common to both father and son) explains that his baby loves him in return probably because he can lift him higher than anybody else. Little Sasha did not think much of Miss Rodmina's height, "but when he is sitting on my hands he can-reach anything. In fact, Miss Rodmina is nearly 5ft and weights 7st. Thus, although Sasha the elder is only 5ft 10in, beside Miss Rodmina he would no doubt appear to his son as a giant. The father, of course, is not unused to lifting people.

The baby had just taken its first faltering steps across the living room before the parents had left for Göreborg. Miss Rodnina has help from her mother in her flat within a throw Axel of Red Square, and relies on her for most of the cooking. Miss Rodning, now 30, said sh

missed her skating for a year, but believes she now returns to the sport with rekindled enthusiasm, "skaring as well as ever ". During the lost year she and her husband had been able to reconsider their general approach and they promise they have a few new tricks up their sleeves.

Assuming Lord Killanin has his way, we shall meet again in July. What an agreeable prospect to carry through the coming

It is his own view that if he can gain only one place over his sixth position last year he is in with a chance: Fourth place would be "comfortable", anything better "really nice", otherwise it would seem to be a straight fight between Jan Hoffmann (East Germany), the holder, or Vladimir Kovalyov (Soviet Union), the world champion.

The second highest British placing here is almost certain to go to

ing here is almost certain to go to Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. They are ranked sixth among dancers in Europe, allowing for the retirement of Japet Thompson and Warren Maxwell and the education of the retirement of the columns of the colu

and the advance in last year's world championships in Vienna of the Austrian couple, Susaune and

Yet we have great hopes of Miss Torvill and her partner. All known form suggests that there will not be a serious challenge to Europe when the Olympic dance medals are distributed. Thus we can see great significance in the fact there

are distributed. Thus we can see great significance in the faca that the couples who finished second and third in the world championships last year, Krisztina Regoecy and Andras Sallav (Hungary) and Irina Moiseyeta and Andrei Minenkov (Soviet Union), have been hard pressed to beat the British champions this year in early season competition.

That happened two months ago, so that there is a possibility of Miss Torvill and Dean having been

able to polish up their already impressive original set pattern and

free dances to turn a table or two now. The final of the dance cham-

pionships is on Friday evening.
The other British compeniors

are Karena Richardson and Deborah Cottrill in the women's, from Thursday to Saturday, and the young Susan Garland and Robert Daw in the pairs, tomorrow

Peter Handschmann

A fiercer McEnroe in the concrete jungle

Tennis Correspondent Philadelphia, Jan 21

Philadelphia, Jan 21
Jimmy Connors and John
McEuroe are seeded to contest the
singles final of the United States
professional indoor tennis championships, which began at the
Spectrum here roday. McEuroe
must first dispose of Vitas Gerulaitis, who beat him during the
Masters tournament in New Yorkan impressive performance, though
McEuroe had already qualified for
the semi-final round and therefore
had nothing much to lose. An unusual feature of the singles draw
here was the presence of three
Frenchmen, Yannick Noah, Giles
Moretton and Dominique Bedel.
The French seldom figure so pro-The French seldom figure so pro-minently in a 48-man field of this

Peter Fleming and McEuroe, whose dominance of the doubles game matches that of Bjorn Borg in singles (Borg is not playing this week), are seeded to meet Marty Riessen and Sherwood Stewart in

the final.

The semi-final round promises some fun. Fleming and McEnroe are likely to be challenged by the craft of Bob Hewitt and Frew McMillan. Riessen and Stewart could find themselves sharing a court with Brian Gottfried and Raul Ramirez, who beat them in straight sets at Olympia almost three weeks ago.

Two interesting features of the

Two interesting features of the doubles draw are the partnership of Gerulaids with his coach, Fred of Gerulaitis with his coach, Fred Scolle, and the temporary separation of the supposedly inseparable Gullikson twins, Tim and Tom. The latter, who will be taking the next two weeks off so that he and his wife and daughter can settle into a new home, said last night that he and Tim had studied their schedules and resised that for a month or so they would not have much chance of playing together. So they would concentrate on singles, learn what they could from other doubles

haps, sharpened skills.

For men's tennis this is the most important of the big-enty indoor events. Just as the French championships are the supreme test on clay, the United States Open championships on hard court, and Wimbledon on grass, its title is inevitably confused with that of the United States professional championships, played at Boston, and the United States indoor championships, played at Memphis.

For several months last year and

played at Memphis.

For several months last year a more substantial cloud loomed over the tournament. The promoters were accused of misleading financial practices: a charge from which they were totally cleared by the district attorney's office after a thorough audit. It says much for the resilience of the promoters that they have successfully weathered such a nasty artificial storm.

Philadelphia of course is the

artificial storm.

Philadelphia, of course, is the home of American independence. Its regard for language is less evident than its regard for liberty. Landing here is always something of a shock because the airport terminal is emblazoned with the etymological monstrosity. "America's most liveable city." Nor is the environment of the tensis tournament particularly charming. The Spectrum, shaped like a massive hat box, is sandwiched between two more sports stadia in a bleak, dreary, concrete desert south of the city, close to the Delaware and the docks. There are no trains, No birds There are no trains. No birds slug. Moreover, at this time of year the hard, awful greyness of the place is often scoured by birter winds. But the hat box is air conditioned and comfortably lined. The crowds sometimes exceed 15,000 a session and 80,000 for the week — and there are few titles men value more than the United States professional indoor championships.

Mottram may be recalled to save Britain's face

Britain's King's Cup team, 2—1 will be under pressure to abandon Newcastle at the weekend, go to Sweden on Sunday knowing they need a 3—0 clean sweep victory to avoid finishing bottom of their group. That is a tall-order for a depleted British side, who lost about it", Hutchins said. "I 3—0 to the Swedes in Sheffield eight days ago, but the victory against West Germany, the group leaders, only their first in five matches in the competition, gives Paul Hutchins, the team manager, some encouragement. ome encouragement.

It was a fighting victory which delighted Hutchins: "This was a thrilling win and well deserved. At least it shows what the team can

Despite the encouraging victory the odds must be stacked against Britain in Malmo on Sunday. When the group play off is staged in Gloucester on January 31, Hutchins's team will be meeting France to avoid relegation to the second division. If that is the case then Hutchins

will be under pressure to abandon his experimental plans and include his Davis Cup No 1, Christopher Mottram, who has so far not played because of tournament commitments in America. "I would have to think carefully about it", Hutchins said. "I picked the present side because I wanted to see how they shape up under international conditions."

Andrew Jarrett, the Z2-year-old Derbyshire player, back in the Derbyshire player, back in the side after injury, was the in-stigator of the victory over West stigator of the victory over West Germany. He gave the side a good start with a 7—5, 6—1 win against Rolf Jehring and then partnered David Lloyd in a thrilling 3—6, 6—3, 6—4 doubles win against Karl Medier and Andreas Meurer. If Britain are relegated to the second division they could well pass Ireland on the way down. The Irish, well led by Sean Sorenson, are having a remarkable run. Their 2—1 win against Spain yesterday was their fourth in a row and keeps them at the top of their group.

American football

Super Bowl records fall Pasadena, Jan 21.—The Pitts the record held by Roger Staubach,

burgh Steelers, watched by a record crowd of 103,985, won their fourth National Football League their in six years yesterday when they came from behind to win 21 passes for 309 yards, was named against the Los Angeles Rams in the Super Bowl. The unprece-dented fourth victory did not come easily as the lead changed hands six times before the Pittsburgh quarterback, Terry Bradshaw, finally put his heavily favoured side ahead with a spectacular 73 yard touchdown pass to John Stall-

worth.

The scoring pass was Bradshaw's second of the game and ninth in his Super Bowl career, breaking

only by Bart Start, of Green Bay, in the first two Super Bowls.

The Steelers extended the AFC's domination over their NFC rivals in the Super Bowl with the 10th victory in 14 games since the two Leagues merged. The Steelers won all three of their previous Super Bowls, beating Dallas twice and Minnesota once.—UPI.

Magri takes another step on the World title road

So many British boxers are having their names associated with world championship bouts these days that Charlie Magri's promotion as the official number one contender for the flyweight title scarcely raised an eyebrow. Whereas John Conteh. Alan Minter and David Green hope to get their chances in the fairly near future. Magri is in no burry.

Tonieth's contest at the Royal. Tonight's contest at the Royal Albert Hall against Aneceto Vargas

will not be the big one but almost certainly the British light welter-weight ritle eliminator between Colin Powers and Sylvester Mittee.

Albert fiall against Aneceto Vargas has no extra significance. It is just another step in Magri's education, and there are likely to be three or four more before he is allowed to go in for the title, currently held by the Korean, Chang Hee Park.

Although Magri is number two in the world, tonight's contest will still be only his 17th, and no more than a handful of those have lasted the distance. Britain's tiny European flyweight champion is not out of his apprenticesidy and 10 -rounds against the Fibpino, Vargas, will do him a lot more good than an opportunity of splashing an inferior opponent all over the ring.

Vargas has been selected for his experience and perhaps for the



Hockey

West caught napping by

was too shut at the top has wrought a change which amazed him as much as anyone. But

him as much as anyone. But honours went to the man who thought he was going to be too dervous and then found he was

not. " I knew I wasn't nervous "

he said, "Because when I am my hands holding the putter begin to shake". They are finely shaped hands and they did not tremble as he holed two putts of 15ft in the

By Joyce Whitehead
South 1

A goal in the first minute of the march gave the South victory over the West at Taunton Vale sports club ground. Taunton, yesterday. Before the West defence had had time to look round. Lesley Hobley took the opportunity.

South were without their captain, Mrs. Miller, who had had to give best to a long-standing back injury and ber place was taken by Alison Baker. Katie Dodd and Susan McDommell looked outstanding in the South defence but as the rain gor heavier and the gale stronger the skill of all players seemed to go with the wind.

Chances came and went at both ends and the West, in particular, never seemed to arrive in the South circle without all the opposition in attendance. The hard court pitch on which lakes had stood only hours before the match looked good but it was soft and consequently the speed of the ball was unpredictable and the turning ability of the players a gamble.

rom the government the several of the South were awarded a penalty stroke two minutes from the end but Hall in the West goal defended the abot well.

WEST: B. Hall (Wilning): J. Burners (Goncrett, S. Plants (Somerset, S. Dintership)).

chy. Southport surprisingly came through from the qualifying tournament at Alfreion at the expense of Teddington.

DRAW: Old Kingstonians 'Southpost; Tritle Hill v Southpost; Tritle Hill v Southpo

For the record

Tennis

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Motor rallying

Germans wait to see if Darniche is fit

Monte Carlo, Jan 21.—Leaders in the Monte Carlo rally, Walter Robel and Christian Geistdorfer of West Germany, driving a Riat 13i Abarth, prepared for tonight's gruelling 1,500km third phase of the competition still uncertain that they would face a challenge from their most dangerous rivals, last year's winners Bernard Darniche and Alain Mahe (France).

Darniche finished this morning's classification run in second place, two and a half minutes behind the helped from his Lencia Stratos and was rushed to his hotel, suffering with influenza. His co-driver, Mahe, said: "He has co-driver, Mahe, said: "He has been running a temperature since we left Paris on Saturday. We are keeping our fingers crossed that between now and midnight his condition will improve."

Despite Darniche's illness and the elimination of the top Finnish hope, Markku Alen, who crashed his Fiat 131 Abarth in the early hours, the Italian firms could feel well satisfied with their performance so far. They hold the feel well satisfied with their performance so far. They hold the top four positions.

Behind Roint and Darniche, Attilio Bettega and Mario Mannucci of Indy held a surprising third place in their Ritmo-Strade and former Monite Carlo winners, Jean-Claude Andruet and Michele Espinos-Biche of France in a Flat 131 Abarth were fourth. Ari Vetanen, and his Welsh

Miss Wenzel leads by 32 after first slalom victory Badgastein, Austria, Jan 21.— the second with a vertical drop Hammi Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, of 162 metres.

won a women's World Cup sialon won a women's World Cup slalom here today to underline ber allround skiing strength and stretch her overall World Cup lead to 32 points. The blonde Miss Wenzel, aged 23, had a combined time of one minute 32.44 seconds to finish ahead of Perrine Pelen of France, and Frika Hess of Switzerland. and Erika Hess, of Switzerland.

and Erika Hess, of Switzerland.

Apart from scoring her first slalom win of the season, Miss Wenzel won the combined competition and after her third place in yesterday's downhill she leads the World Cup with 257 points from Amemarie Moser (225) and Marie-Theres Nadig (170). Miss Wenzel, member of a distinguished skiing family, has also won three giant slaloms this season and now looks to be a strong contender for an Olympic medal in all three alpine events. Mrs Moser, winner of the World Cup six times was fourth today after coming second in yesterday's downhill.

Today's race, run in beautiful

Today's race, run in beautiful weather and on a well-prepared but slightly soft track, had 48 gates on the first run and 55 on

Miss Pelen, who won the last World Cup slalom in Berchtesgaden and leads in the event overall this season, was a third of a second behind Miss Wenzel. of a second behind Miss Weuzel. The powerful Italian slalom specialists, who had two of the top three fimishers in Berchtes, gaden, could manage only fifth and minth places, but Miss Hess, aged 18, who was fourth at Berchtesgaden and third today, confirmed that she will be a powerful force at Lake Media. powerful force at Lake Placid.

powerful force at Lake Placid.

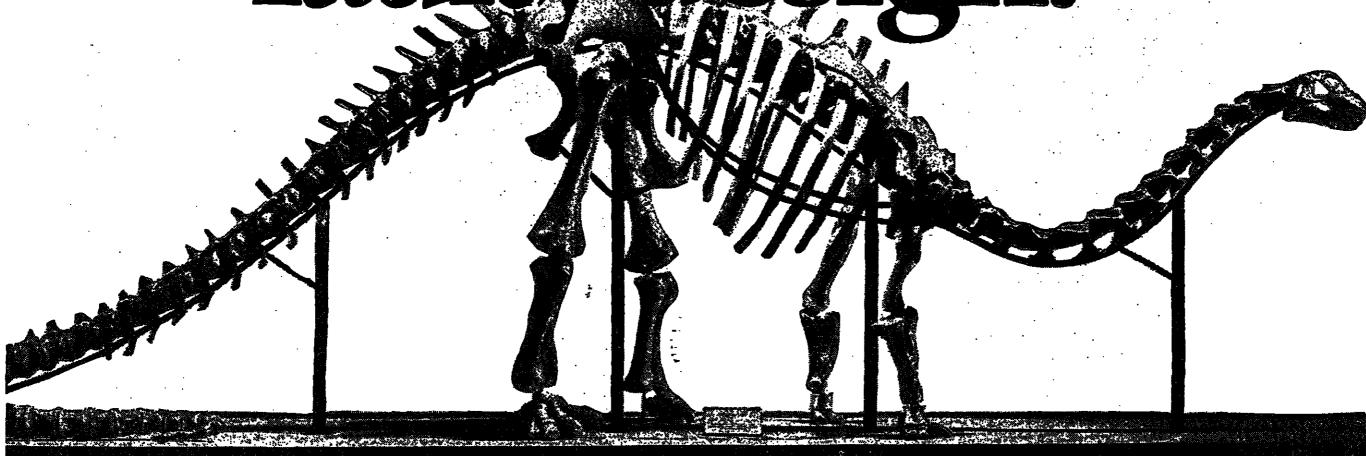
SLALOM: 1. H. Ventel (Licchier meth.) 1min 32.44sec; 2. P. Pele (France). 1:32.79; 5. E. Het (Switzerland). 1:33.72; 5. D. Zini (Ind.): 1:33.72; 5. D. Zini (Ind.): 1:35.87; 6. R. Mösenlechner (Wöll: 1:35.87; 6. Zini (Ind.): 1. Pelen, 65 pts.; 6. Zini (Ind.): 1. Pelen, 45: 4. (Gloridan) (Ind.): 42: 5. Zini, 51: 1. Pelen, 27:

Hess, 27.

OVERALL: World Cup standings:
Wentel, 257 pts: 2. Moser, 225;
M-T. Nadig (Switzerland), 170;
Pelen, 143; 5. C. Nelson (US) &
Equal 5, 1. Epple (WG), Hess, 86.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1, Austria, 3
pts: 2. Switzerland, 364; 7. Liecht
tieln, 270; 4. France, 263; 5, W
Gormany, 255; 6, United States, 2
—Reuter.



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As the Labour enquiry begins: enquire within

The Labour Party's commission of enquiry, which is bound to have a very significant effect on the organization of the party, and indeed on its very nature, holds its first meeting today. The provisional list of membership is already drawn up, and that being so, I thought my readers might be interested in learning a limbe more about the views of one particular member of it; to be precise, his views in rela-tion to the Soviet Union and its government and political system. The member in question is Mr Alex Kitson, a senior official of the Transport and General Workers Union and a member of the NEC of the Labour Party, and he seems to have unqualified admiration for the Soviet Union, which he has expressed in some detail in speeches and interviews on Moscow Radio. I have a considerable collection of the texts of such broadcasts, and I propose today to subject Mr propose today to subject Mr Kitson's views on this interesting and important topic to some

Mr Kitson went to the Soviet Union, for the celebrations of the sixtieth anniversary of the Russian Revolution, in November 1977, as the representative of the Labour Party. At the time, one of his comments caused some sur in Britain.
He said: "I am pleased to visit a country where the situation differs from that in my own"; the Labour Party's NEC even discussed the matery of the same surplies are supplied that and naturally concluded that nothing Mr Kitson said was in any way reprehensible. Perhaps the NEC should have enquired a little fur-ther. But perhaps they preferred not to, lest they should discover some material that even they could not ignore. The reason I raise the

matter now is twofold: first, as I say, I think the country has a right to know the views of a member of the Labour Party's commission of enquiry on the day it starts work, and second, the material I have gathered proves a far more comprehensive understanding of Mr Kitson's attitude to the Soviet Union than do the few words published here at the time they were made.

For during his visit, he spoke many times on Soviet radio programmes for listeners overseas. grammes for listeners overseas. Sometimes he was fed questions

that enabled him to express his adulation of the Soviet Union, and sometimes there was no more than an introduction by an announcer before Mr Kitson went on to express his adulation of the Soviet Union, but whichever method was adopted the adulation was the same. We begin with a claim that brings to mind Bertie Wooster's reaction

to mind Bertie Wooster's reaction on hearing some devastating news from Jeeves: "I inspected my imagination; it boggled."

When you think that the industrial revolution took place in Western Europe some 150 years ago and we are still not getting full potential of the industrial revolution, and here the Soviet Union have in 60 years done more than has been done in Westernized countries in 150 years.

We continue with something a good deal less amusing. As everyone knows by now, one of the most cruel forms of Soviet Catch-22 used against dissidents or those who wish to emigrate is to dismiss them from their employment (this is automatic for anyone who dares to speak up for any form of human rights), make it impossible for them to get other work of any kind, and then prosecute them for

matter now is twofold: first, as I | not working. The fear of unemploy-say. I think the country has a right | ment in the Soviet Union is, therefore, not confined to the ordinary kind (which is widespread, though disguised and denied), but exists in a much more intense and agonising form. Mr Kitson must know this as well as anyone. Yet this is his false and brazen gloss on it:

I think that that's a statement of fact, that Brezhnev made, that the one thing that any individual fears is not to be able to work. This is one fear that a man has. It's a fear in the capitalist system that prevails—that there are so many unem in the capitalist system that prevalls
—that there are so many unemployed... Now that's no fear in
the Soviet Union. Everybody has got
the right to work and everybody
gets the opportunity to work...
there is one thing that the capitalist
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state like the Socviet Union for, the
guarantee on the right to work...
nobody in this country who wants
to work can't be afforded that right
to work.

That is by no means all, Mr Kitson

is a trade union official; in some of these broadcasts he is at pains to stress that his involvement with the British Labour movement is from the trade union, not the political, side. It might have been thought, therefore, that he would be particutherefore, that he would be particu-larly concerned at the fact that there are no trade unions in the Soviet Union, that any attempt to form one would be repressed with the greatest brutality, and that when a group of Soviet workers, at just about the time of Mr Kitson's visit, tried to combine to represent themselves (in, for instance, safety standards in Soviet industry) their standards in Soviet industry) their leader was put in a madhouse, and the others imprisoned or sentenced to internal exile. But this is what a senior official of a free British trade union said of the system in a country



Mr Kitson: thoughts from abroad.

where no free trade unions are

workers in the Soviet Union . . . The other point I would like to make The other point I would like to make is the development of the trade umion movement. It has . . . played a great part in the development of socialism in the Soviet Union. The trade unions are responsible for the welfare of the people in the main and they have played no mean part in ensuring that everything that is of advantage to the workers is given to the workers and I wish them well. I hope that in the next 60 years that the developments that they have given to the people will be as good as the first 60 years and I have no doubt that it will be.

After that it is difficult to be

After that, it is difficult to be After that, it is difficult to be shocked, or even surprised, by Mr Kitson's description of an educational system based on the most rigid censorship in the world and the most narrowly conceived educations. cational theories:

They have problems in the Soviet Union and maybe not as many problems as we have got, but their educational system for youth is something that has got to be

And now for the subject of peace, and the Soviet Union's role in the keeping of it. Here was Mr Kitson (this was, of course, long before the invasion of Afghanistan, which Mr Kitson assures me, while standing Well, we have come here for the 60th anniversary of the Soviet Revolution and I am sure, as far as the workers in the United Kingdom are concerned, that they have had this revolution in the Soviet Union and we wish them very, very well and everything that they have done, all the acidevements that they have maintained, and also workers' control, which is important to the British workers. And I would say this on behalf of British trade unionists, that we are still striving to achieve the kind of things that the workers in the Soviet Union have echieved in maintaining and achieving control of industry, control

however, one would be greatly mistaken :

Lenin based his policies on peace and . . . peace is an important factor and the Soviet Union is playing a and ... peace is an important factor and the Soviet Union is playing a great part in trying to establish the fact that peace is one of the things that is important to the Third World ... If you have a look at what has happened in the Soviet Union in 60 years and how they have attempted to develop relationships, then I'm sure you must agree that their interest and the main interest is to maintain peace ... Peace is all important to the Soviet Union ... But there are forces in this world and they are strong forces, but so far as they are concerned they would attempt to do everything to destroy what has been built up, not only in the Soviet Union but in socialist countries and also by socialist parties throughout the world ... I think that the Lemin decree of 60 years ago—it was good then. It's better now, because the forces of war and the forces of armaments are something that is really frightening and fearful.

But perhaps the most disgraceful of all Mr Kitson's comments (the perhaps" is necessary because the choice is so wide) concerns the sub-ject of human rights. In the most repressive society in the world, in which no one has any rights at all which ho one has any rights at an against the arbitrary actions of rulers who refuse to be bound by any code of law or right whatever, and who constantly break, in their oppression and persecution of those who discourse with them the appure who disagree with them, the empty laws that gather dust in their cruei

farce of a statute book, this is what Mr Kitson has to say on the subject: The new Soviet Constitution is some-thing that when it's developed will give the rights to ordinary people, and especially to young people, in

the running of their country and in the running of their own affairs. This the running of their country and in the running of their own affairs. This is very important. It's something that has got to be looked at from caparis of the world, especially the capitalist systems in the world, as to how you can have the opportunities to have a say in the running of your own affairs. . . The new Soviet constitution has given wider powers to the ordinary individual, it's given wider powers in many aspects, in social aspects, in trade union aspects, and I would feel that we can learn many lessons from the attitude that has been struck from a planned society. This is the advantage that the Soviet Union has got over the capitalist system. Something like the right of the individual to determine his own destiny. That's what is happening here; that's the kind of thing that we have got to fight for, that's the attitude that we should be striking, and I would impress upon my fellow trade unionists in the United Kingdom and all over the world that the opportunity should be given to study the shradation that is now developing in the Soviet Union.

And now this fawning admirer of

And now this fawning admirer of the Soviet system has been appointed to enquire into the working's of Britain's Labour Party-Labour Party!—and within an hour or two of your reading these words he will have begun the job. Perhaps, in the circumstances, there may be an extra, unintended meaning in another of the comments he made on Moscow Radio:

I would say that the relationship that is now developing between the Soviet Communist Party and the British Labour Party can do nothing but good for peace, for international cooperation and also, of course, for the development of relationships

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How the European Parliament can help home governments

cher's triumph at the polls 60 Conservatives were elected to the European Parliament last June. This reborn institution met for the first time at the opment, whereby British repre-inaugural ceremony in Stras- sentatives sit in a powerful

We chose a president, and selected members of our 15 specialist committees and their chairmen. Our recess ended in early September. Before Christmas the parliament had rethe Government. Indeed, they jected the 1980 budget by an have a new forum in which to overwhelming majority, of tease the Tories about citizen-which the votes of the Conser-vatives made up an important like. Probably their need to

Such momentum, built up so quickly, is exhausting and exhibitaring for those involved. Few commentators expected so much coherence and determination so soon; many parliamen-tarians could not wholly believe that we were roady to reject the budget until we had done it. The painful journeys to Strasbourg suddenly seemed

In contrast, the House of European parliament. British Commons was elected in May political tradition is shackled to 1979, but failed even to decide the doctrine of the sovereignty 1979, but failed even to decide the doctrine of the sovereignty the membership of its select of Parliament, a doctrine which committees by the time the permits an extreme government

The European parliament's vertiginous advance can only increase the chances of tension between Tories at home and members of the European Democratic group at Strasbourg. Sometimes it may seem to Conservative members of the House of Commons that MEP's are doing nothing at all to support Mrs Thatcher in her Government's labours or her fondest.

struggles in the Council of My message is that the EuroMinisters; that is because they pean parliament is moving in-

do not know how we work or what we do Many of the problems of linkage are simply the consequence of a novel constitutional develinternational parliament with-out any formal tie to the British

Government Labour members of the European parliament do not have this special relationship with the Government. Indeed, they placate the party at home pro-vides them with their own worries. Relationships between Euro-tories and the rest of the Conservative Party at home are, on the whole, very amicable.

The longer term tensions are

quite different and harder to relax. Indeed British politicians are probably the least equipped (except the Danes) of any in the Community to grapple with the consequences of the elected

the European parliament as anything but intrusive and threatening or impertinent and irrelevant.

Patriotism is not the issue. Members of the European parliament have not stopped being British, nor do we wish to for-get our heritage. Still less do I cast aside 10 years of mem-bership of the House of Lords, the institution which has taught Gov- me most and of which I am her fondest.

evitably towards the full exertion of its considerable powers, and that we should welcome such progress as the enhancement of political accountability

in the European Community.

The reorganization of the Community's finances, accompanied by a reassessment of the amount spent on agriculture, are major British interests. The reduction of the British contribution will only come about if the present system can be shown to work against the wider interests of all member states, because it threatens the ability of the EEC to survive,

let alone grow.

The parliament, egged on by the British has helped paint the essential backcloth for Mrs Thatcher, and her ministerial envoys now hastening round the capitals of the continent, to prepare for the February/March

But what next? Will the parliament set off on a federalst rampage? As the Italian presidency will recognize, the parliament must

continue to steer the budget in the direction said down. the membership of its select of Parliament, a doctrine which committees by the time the budgers committee of the European Parliament—composed of nine nationalities speaking six languages—was moving towards recommending rejection of the European parliament of the sovereignty in the direction daid down. Then the Commission should be sacked as soon as possible, as it has run out of vitality and lost any vestige of colleginates spirit. At some point soon, members should refuse to meet in Strasbourg.

Further on, there will be dif-ferences of view between the British Government and the European parkiament, and dif-ferences of emphasis between Conservatives in Britain and the European Democratic group. such clashes are necessary and healthy. Jaundiced observers should note that 16 Frenchmen voted to trim agricultural ex-penditure and assert the authority of the European parlia-ment, when France makes an annual profit of £500m for the CAP. Public and brave French political support for reforming the budget is more than fair compensation for the odd painted ministerial letter to The Times.

Lord O'Hagan The author is Conservative MEP for Devon

Lord Soames keeps his balance on the Rhodesian tightrope

Salisbur v Lord Soames, Governor of Southern Rhodesia, was justi-fied in publicly giving himself a pat on the back last week for a pat on the back last week for his administration's achieve-ments during its first month in office. His admirers in Salisbury seem to dwindle by the day and are being replaced by a growing band of critics, representing most shades of political opinion, who manage to find fault in

virtually every move he makes. If he does not sing his own praises there are not many others around to do it for him. Despite the mounting criti-cism—some of it justified—of the way he is handling what is a difficult and volatile situation, his administration has undoubtedly achieved much since it began work in mid-December. The outstanding success so far has been the implementation of the ceasefire which, despite con-

who manage to find fault in

tinuing breaches, is proving much more effective than most people dared hope. Then there has been the rapid resumption of bilazered relations with Rhodesia's black neighbours, with Zambia and Mozambique almost falling over each other in their rush to restore trade and communications No the lifting of sanctions has brought an influx of foreign businessmen anxious to do business with Rhodesia and look at the prospects for investment once the results of next month's election

are known. The country will also gain more immediate benefits from the European Economic Com-munity's decision to grant pre-ferential treatment to most of Rhodesia's exports.

A start has also been made with preparations for next month's election. This is essentially the raison d'etre for Lord Soames being in Rhodesia. If an election can be held which is seen to have been reasonably free and fair, then he can go back to London in March in the knowledge that he has fulfilled the task he was sent to achieve. Britain will have finally got rid

of the Rhodesia problem, and what happens after indepen-dence will be neither his res-

ponsibility nor Britain's.

The list of changes and reforms is an impressive one. However, where he is now coming in for criticism is over some of his actions in the internal political sphere. In particular he and his administration (and also the British Government being sphere) ment are being accused of being hiased against the two parties that form the Patriotic front guerrilla alliance, especially Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF) organization, and of showing a clear preference for the more conservative internal parties such as Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African National Council (UANC).

There is no doubt that some of the criticisms against Lord Soames are themselves politically motivated. For example, Zanu (PF) and Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu (now confusingly known simply as the Patriotic Front) are clearly trying to gain political mileage by commutally harping on about the activities of the security force auxiliaries (Pfumo Revanhu).

There is some basis to their complaints. The auxiliaries were originally established 18 months ago and there is little doubt they are favourably disposed to the former government of Bisbop Muzorewa. To allow such a force, whose

discipline is none too good, to be deployed in remote parts of the country in the name of maintaining law and order (and usually out of sight of the monitoring Commonwealth Commonwealth monitoring force) is Hardly in keeping with the spirit of the Lancaster House agreement.

The British position is that it is more important first to ensure the ceasefire is made more effective by seeing that guerrillas who are not in assembly areas are made to go there or dealt with in other ways. Once this is achieved then attention can be turned to the auxiliaries.

In the final analysis all he can do is to use his powers of persusion

In fact the British would like to curb the activities of the auxiliaries (and disciplinary action has been taken in certain cases), but the command structure of the Rhodesian forces, on whom Lord Soames' administra-tion is almost totally dependent for maintaining law and order, has made it clear that the activities of recalcitrant guerrillas must be dealt with first before they are prepared to bring the auxiliaries to heel. similar situation exists with the South African forces. numbering between 150 and 200, who are positioned inside Rhodesia within a seven-mile radius of Beitbridge. Lord Soames is clearly embarrassed by the row that has been provoked by the admission that he has authorized a South African force to be there, but he had to balance this against insis-tence by the Rhodesians (supported by South Africa) that they should remain.

The question of the South Africans is indicative of the constraints under which Lord Soames is having to operate. Although he has full legislative and executive powers, he is dependent on the existing Rhodesian military and civil administration to carry out his orders. To ensure their cooperation he sometimes has to dilute or even hold back on actions he might otherwise have wanted to take

to back up the extensive powers would not let them. that are vested in him. The Rhodesian administration, predominantly white and Rhodesian Front-supporting, has little love for the British and even less appreciation for moves which are seen as being favourable towards Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe's political fortunes.

In the final analysis all Lord Sommes can do as to use his powers of persuasion — which are admittedly considerable to get things done.

So far he has managed to walk the tight rope fairly well. The Rhodesians have been kept more or less in line and the degree of criticism from the Patriotic Front parties and from outside has not yet become so strong as to force him to act differently. In fact he could probably even with-stand a greater degree of crinicism from the black nationalists and their backers because he knows there is little more they can do than shour. The bulk of the guerrilla armies are already grouped in 14 assembly areas and could be dealt with very quickly if they tried to move away from these points to resume fighting. Mc

have all returned and have so far gone out of their way to appear reasonable and coopera-Most of Mr Mugabe's party leadership has also returned (although not yet Mr Mugabe himself) and also claim to be determined to take part in next month's elections, although the British say they are being far less reasonable and cooperative than Mr Nkomo's men. But most important of all is that Zambia and Mozambique have shown, by rushing to nor-malize relations with Rhodesia, they are determined to see the settlement work. Mozambique in particular has been praised by the British as being "very helpful". So it seems likely that if either of the Patriotic It is a precarious balancing Front leaders wanted to pull act, made all the more so out of the Lancaster House because he has no real muscle agreement now, their backers

Only after he completely lost his temper did Mr Jaggs agree

to make the delivery, and even then it arrived late.

we had managed to earn our-

selves a little thank you after

It remains to be seen whether Lord Soames can sustain his Houdini act for another six weeks. As the election ap-proaches the pressures will build up enormously. Violence and intimidation are already rife in the black townships and will certainly get worse. Every-body will be crying foul Lord Soames has warned that he intends to use all his powers

to ensure a peaceful election campaign. There have been hints aimed at Zanu (PF) that he might ban a party which is consistently found guilty of acts of violence. Observers of a Machiavellian frame of mind be lieve that Lord Soames, sensing a surge of pro-Zanu (PF) senti ments around the country might take such a step to pre vent Zanu (PF) from winning the election. This would no only be a most unwise move to make but probably an unneces sary one as well.

There are growing signs of a move to isolate Zanu (PF) by bringing the other more moderate parties closer to gether. Contacts have already taken place between Mr Nkome and Mr James Chikerema, leader of the small Zimbabwe Democratic Party. only a matter of time until similar talks take place between Mr Nkomo and his arch rival, Bishop Muzorewa.

The two men have a strong dislike for each other, but they could overcome this by realizing that the only way they can stop Zanu (PF) winning the election is by becoming allies. A coalition between Mr Nkomo. Bishop Muzorewa, Mr Chikerema and the 20 whites in Parli ament would be virtually un-beatable. Zanu (PF) would have to win 45 of the 80 black seats to be sure of forming a government by itself and there would be few people around at pre-sent who would put any money on the party winning such a landslide victory.

Nicholas Ashford

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A prowl round the sales

I went to the sales at the week end with a skinny-eved com-panion. Mr Bill Butterfield is senior trading standards officer with Westminster City Council and has all the West End stores, and countless other shops, on his patch. He was tutored in the arts of roguery from an early age, having been employed during his own school holidays to take the old price tickets off the linen and substitute new ones with the same price written in red and an (imaginary) higher price boldly struck out. "That was considered normal in those days", he said. and has all the West End stores,

days", he said.

How much have things changed? "During sale times I reckon almost every other shop will have something wrong with it", he said glumly. "Some crafty characters regularly change their window displays just to escape the Trade Descriptions Act." Descriptions Act."

The law says that where a previous selling price is crossed out and a new sale price written in the goods must have been sold at the higher price for at least 28 consecutive days in the last six Mr Butterfield and his colleagues once photographed the window of a shop near Oxford Circus every day for six months to prove a case. They also had to follow the owner home, withstand threats of vio-

lence, and trace an alias from

the electoral register before they could bring a successful

We started our tour with a look at that shop's windows. There were no misleading price comparisons evident. One awkward thing about it", he said reflectively, "is his prices really are quite cheap anyway."

Not all the trouble is with

the small men. Mr Butterfield had just come from giving Sel-fridges a lecture about the Government's new offer regulations. bargain

We paused to warn a manager at Irvine Sellars that they should not be making price comparisons with something claimed to be normal value in their window display and to not some illustrations. play, and to note some illegal comparisons with manufaccomparisons with manufac-turers' recommended prices in the hi-fi department of Dickins and Jones. "Some of these manufacturers' prices that were quoted you could never find charged anywhere", said Mr Butterfield.
Not all his work is con-

cerned with protecting West End shoppers. Other current cases involve a company spe-cializing in digital watch repairs which has a bad habit of losing customers' watches, a firm advertising tarpaulins by mail order and sending farmers thin gauge plastic sheeting instead, and a man whose mail order bicycles never arrive. "There is always someone in the West End who thinks he has found a new way to get rich quick" he says to get rich quick", he says philosophically.

Back at the office we looked at the perfume sold as Chanel No. 5 on the Oxford Street pavement. It smelt like horse sovereign bought at Piccadilly as last Saturday these drew a letter from Mr Brian Nicholson, managing director of The

al think flying pickets are very un-British, Now crawling pickets...

this morning". Mr Burterfield said, "we could not in fact have brought a prosecution. Because of local government cuts I no longer have an assistant, and my union says I am not to use anyone else to sup-ply corroborative evidence. We have not decided yet whether we should try going to court on one man's evidence alone."

Dog eats self.

Recently I wrote two articles exposing a series of misleading and illegal special offers made

Observer admitting they were on December 28, and on the Barrett. The shops are on in the wrong and making apo-

LONDON DIARY

All the more distressing, therefore, to find on Sunday our own sister paper, The Sunday Times, committing a precisely similar offence.

Marketplace, a subsidiary company of Times Newspapers, "a 9 carat solid gold necklace and matching bracelet", accom-panied by insurance valuation certificates for quoted amounts considerably higher than the selling prices. Nine carat gold is not solid. Comparisons with in-

have been illegal since last July. Concern that the practice of comparing jewelry prices with insurance valuations has continued among shady traders has been widely reported by newspapers already, including The Times on two occasions. It is a shame to see a great campaigning newspaper drop its standards so disgracefully when its own dealings with the public are concerned.

100 late

are more priceless than others. Mr Gregory Slade has written from Bahrain to complain that Mason asking them to deliver a bottle of champagne, 24 roses and a pound of gift-wrapped chopped fillet steak to an address in Twyford, Rorkshing at a specific sime Berkshire, at a specific time were all ignored. The items were to be Christmas presents

second occasion says the managing director, Mr David Jaggs, told him the company could not accept orders of that nature.

The Sunday Times offered its readers, through Scientive From Fortnum's Mr Jaggs says: "Oh, dear, I had hoped

all. We do say on all our literature that we cannot guarantee Christmas delivery on orders received after
December 1, and Mr Slade's
first telex was sent on December
13. Another difficulty was that
Twyford is not in our delivery surance valuations, which have no relevance to resale value, area and we do not have a fresh meat department. "In the Christmas rush the telexes went astray, so I did feel we bad let Mr Slade down. We eventually took the

steak from the restaurant, and steak from the restaurant, and delivered the order by courier taxi at a cost to ourselves of £25.88, getting it there before his wife went out in the evening. I sympathize with a great deal of what Mr Slade says, but I did hope he would realize we had tried to make amends."

Some consumer complaints Healthy prices

Those who patronize health food shops can have little concern for the health of their purse. The only difference between what the health shops sell and what can be bought in the supermarkets, which health food fanatics affect to despise, is often the price.

Last Thursday I prices hetween for his wife and dog.

Finally he telephoned twice shop owned by Holland and opposite sides of the same pre-cinct, precisely fifty paces apart. Here are some of the prices

of identical items I found:

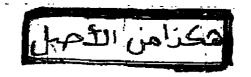
3lb Jordana Original Crunchy with honey almonds raisins. Harmony old-fashioned peanut butter (Hoest Record wholewheat long £1.24 £1.15 ر ۾ راف جود Record wholewheat long spaghetti 1/lb Thompson's cut lump salt Rakusen's lea mut or Fouler's treasle (1lb) Turban dates (250g) State grape puice (1 litre) Buchred mait loud Jordans, flours (1.5kg) Vichy water (100ml) Evian water (1.5h) Campbell's tomato and vegetable juice (12ff) 045)

On average where both shops stocked identical brands in identical sizes, Holland and Barrett were 18 per cent dearer. The price differential was even wider where similar but not identical brands were compared and between the compared, and between compared, and between the prices charged for unbranded goods that were not likely to vary significantly in compositon or quality. Two litres of Alfonal Maizy corn oil cost more (£2.79) in the health shop than three litres of Mazola corn oil (£2.65) at Safeway.

Safeway.

There was just one thing Holland and Barrett were selling more cheaply. Five ounce packets of Percy Dalton's Montal Warren packets of Percy Dalton's Mon-kies (unshelled peanuts) were 28p in Safeway and 25p in the health shop. I still think Hel-land and Barretr customers would have to eat an awful lot of Monkies to stop the firm making monkeys of them.

Robin Young



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IT'S DEMOCRACY THEY WANT

The poll by Opinion Research Communication of public attitudes towards trade unionism that we published yesterday shows a state of public opinion that union leaders, meeting this week to prepare their campaign against the Employment Bill, would be wrong to disregard. The significance of the lessons it offers extends far beyond the question of the Bill itself, resoundingly as it demolishes any claim that the minor changes proposed are offensive or even unwelcome to the movement as a whole. The most serious aspect of the findings to the movement's leaders should be the extent to which their own followers evidently feel alienated from their methods of action, and mistrustful of their claims to speak on their behalf. The union leaders may not pay attention to general public opinion; they must pay attention to their own members.

The normal state of public opinion towards the unions in general has for years been marked by suspicion and disapproval. Even among trade union members, militancy has re-neatedly been shown to be in disfavour. A similar poll carried out by Opinion Research Centre in September, 1972, for instance, when the TUC campaign against the Industrial Relations Act was at its height and the government had already acknowledged that the Act would need extensive revision, found that 76 per cent of union members believed that

the unions should obey the law. This consistency of view implies a limitation at the same time as it defines a position. Clearly many who hold these reneral opinions find it quite possible at the same time to acquiesce in energetic industrial ection in their own interests. The British public has a strong general prejudice in favour of order and respect for the law, and against conflict in any form; but this prejudice co-exists with ingrained inertia about doing anything to combat different views, and a lively sense of the advantages in terms of narrow self-interest of being militant on one's own behalf just now and

make allowances for this strain of passivity, which makes public opinion difficult to mobilize with any intensity either for or against plans to change industrial relations law. It would be dangerous for union leaders to be com-placent about that. Disaffection on the scale indicated by yesterday's poll must come near to the point where the role of the unions n society risks being undermined by a deep and perhaps irreversible alienation from the mass of their supporters. Any such pro-cess would inevitably involve the Labour Party as well as the unions themselves.

Yesterday's poll sought to distinguish between ordinary lukewarm union members and strongly committed leaders of opinion by introducing a separate category of "active trade union members" — respondents who claimed to have attended a branch meeting or taken part in a union election in the previous twelve months. This fairly broad test set apart a group amounting to slightly fewer than half of all trade unionists replying, with opinions detectably closer to the trade union" stereotype than the others. Yet the most striking aspect of the results is the extent to which they too exhibit doubts about the way their movement is

The questions asked fell into three groups: questions about the good or bad effects of trade unionism; questions about specific measures which might taken to curb power; and questions about the internal democracy of unions. In the first group, 74 per cent of members and 69 per cent of active members accepted that unions were at least "a certain amount" to blame for low productivity in Britain; 55 per cent and 45 per cent accepted that they should bear part of the blame for high unemployment as well.

In the second group of questions, the most emphatic result was the endorsement of the Government's proposals regarding secondary picketing: even among active members 70 per cent wanted the law to prohibit
Any consideration of trade the practice. Sympathy strikes

unionists' doubts about the move- and blacking were also regarded ment to which they belong must as an illegitimate weapon by a clear majority of all trade unionists, while active members were almost evenly divided. In this respect, they are more radical than the Government, which is not yet committed to any action.

The Bill's proposals on the closed shop were also endorsed by both groups of members; active members were actually more strongly in favour than any other group of measures to prevent the closed shop being imposed without the proven support of a large majority of those affected. This result is indicative of the suspicion members displayed about the relationship between unions and individual members. Some of the largest majorities in the poll (with little variation between ordinary and active members) were in favour of secret ballots for union elections and strike decisions. This again goes beyond the Government. What is absolutely clear is that union members are overwhelmingly in favour of more democracy.

Such attitudes suggest that the movement's uncompromising opposition even to moderate legislation threatens to cut the leaders off from the source of their strength. Many of their followers see them as using illegitimate means to pursue aims harmful to national prosperity, and without due regard for the views of their rank and file. It is in the interests of the unions themselves to seek a framework of law for their actions which can reassure their followers. They ought to come into serious negotiation-that is what their members would want. Such a framework should express a consensus of opinion across all parties. Yesterday's poll shows that the people most concerned have a clear idea of the form many aspects of that framework should take, and that it should be based on these propositions: no closed shops without a ballot and a large majority; no union elections without a ballot; no strikes without a ballot; no secondary picketing or blacking Union members are at all. tougher than a Conservative government in wanting a fair legal framework for their unions.

UNEASY, UNFRIENDLY BUT NOT INVOLVED

Japan in the enduring strength of the loyalties that run throughout its society: loyalties of school, university and workplace, professional loyalties, loyalties of age-group, loyalties to equals and superiors in all walks of life. these combine—or can combine when circumstances demand it—to make for strong national loyalties. Thus the revelations about a spy network acting on behalf of the Soviet Union within the intelligence department of Japan's selfdefence forces must come as a shock and surprise. Disloyalty of this kind is rare and shameful. In the frequent polls asking the Japanese which foreign countries they favour and which they find less appealing it is the Russians who have consistently earned a low rating. For that reason Japanese resentment over his case will be the more heated. There are few spokesmen at any time in Japan urging warmer relations with the Russians.

General Miyanaga, the leader of the spy ring, had been a Russian-speaking specialist working in intelligence for many years. He had ended the war as a prisoner in Russian hands. There is bound to be a suspicion that his allegiance was engaged at that time. He had retired from the intelligence service six years ago but continued to pass information to the Russians with the help of two assistants still working in the service. No case comparable importance involving Japanese nationals in

Few countries can compare with high position has come to light of Japanese claims, has postsince the war. A year or more ago there were revelations about Japanese fishermen wanting to fish in the Sea of Okhotsk who were found to have bought their passage in some cases by answering questions put to them by Russian officials—but that was less scandalous and much less

> What makes the present case particularly damaging is that the intelligence passed regularly to the Russians concerns not merely Japanese troop strengths and armament. The Russians were much more interested in information about the Americans that had been passed from Washington to the Japanese by virtue of the security treaty between the two countries. This must have been at a notably higher level than the items collected by a Japanese doctor who was caught four years ago interrogating American soldiers to whom he had offered free treatment for venereal diseases. Furthermore, some of the documents passed to the Russians dealt with the military situation in China, information that had been collected by the Americans and passed for information to the Japanese. There is much embarrassment at all this and there may be some resignations in the Japanese

Defence Agency. More immediate will be the fresh tide of anti-Soviet feeling that may follow these revelations. Japanese resentment at their treatment by the Russians in the past two decades, alternately friendly and harshly dismissive

poned year after year any formal post-war treaty. With the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan the Japanese now find themselves under pressure to take a strong stance of disapproval. While public opinion may support this the Japanese government may be much less willing to commit itself. In part this follows from the consistent policy of noninvolvement such as Japan has followed ever since the war. In part it may be a reaction to the circumstances since Japan signed the friendship treaty with China. There were those who feared that Japan would thereby be drawn into the Sino-Soviet conflict wherever and whenever it might surface, as in the case of China's seventeen-day invasion of Vietnam last February. Since then a certain uneasiness has been expressed.

The Japanese have certainly said that they want to be aligned with the West in this matter on which they have been consulting the Germans. That will involve decisions about credit for the Russians that might be postponed or cancelled. Not much more may follow. Of late the Japanese have been more than usually conscious that in their relations with both China and the Soviet Union they are being squeezed from both sides. They do not relish this pressure and are happy to retreat into noninvolvement wherever possible. Even a wave of anti-Russian feeling in Japan may not be matched by action of the kind President Carter would welcome.

Going up in the world

From Lady Lockwood Sir. Miss Broadbent is entirely right The Times, January 14) to criticize the extraordinary omission of wimen from the Nuffield Social Mobility Survey.

When my Commission was asked to submit evidence on lower incomes to the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income & Wealth in 1977, we were driven to make the following observation: it is necessary to mention a statistical problem which makes it difficult to present a case (on this subject). This is the problem of the invisibility of women in statistical sources. The married woman especially disappears from view within such categories as household or head of household. The whole question of economic disadvantage amonest women members of the labour force could be more clearly displayed if women always appeared as a category in the statistical studies". (Women & Low Incomes, Equal Opportunities Com-

mission, November, 1977.) Since then, in collaboration with the Social Science Research Council, we have been considering the possibility of mounting a seminar to explore positive alternatives to the present unsatisfactory state of official statistics, and we hope that such a discussion can be organized in the not ton distant future. But we had always honed that academic researchers, with their much creater freedom in this respect, would be showing the way. Like Miss Broadbent, I can only regret

that the distinguished academics involved in the Nuffield survey have allowed this elementary but, in my view, crippling deficiency to mar a major survey. Yours faithfully,

LOCKWOOD, Equal Opportunities Commission, Chairman. Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester. January 17.

Recognizing trade unions

From Mr Leif Mills Sir, The Government's proposals on changing employment legislation have given rise to a great deal of have given rise to a great user of heat: some of this has been deliberately stoked up by those who seek confrontation, but the major part has been caused by consideration of the practical implications

of the proposals. However, in the discussion on the Government's proposals, little attention has so far been paid to their intention to repeal Sections 11-16 of the Employment Protection Act, which effectively remove the rights of trade unions to refer recognition issues to ACAS along with the powers of ACAS to inquire. report and make an award in respect of trade union recognition. It is a sad fact that in Great Britain in 1980 there are still many employers—and some of these are found in the financial sector—who will refuse elementary rights of trade union recognition. If the Government's proposals are trans-

lated into legislation, then this will mean that the only recourse that the trade unions will have will be to industrial action. Is this what the Government

Yours faithfully, LEIF MILLS, General Secretary.

Banking Insurance & Finance Union, Sheffield House, Portsmouth Road, Surrey.

Beverage rapport

January 11.

From Mr David Burroughs Sir, Your Correspondent Max Owen (January 14) suggests that "HM's Customs and Excise's 60p per litre levy on imported French wine" is completely contrary to EEC regulations.

If only it were true, we might have some hope of reducing this tax but, as the excise duty is levied equally on English wine as on French, we have not. Worse still, the duty currently levied on a litre of wine is 72p, and has VAT levied on it, bringing the total to 83p before we start paying VAT on the value of the wine itself. Yours faithfully, DAVID BURROUGHS,

Chief Executive. Wine & Spirit Education Trust Ltd, Five Kings House. Kennet Wharf Lane. Upper Thames Street, EC4. January 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boycotting the Moscow Olympics

The integrity of Guy Liddell

From Sir John Balfour and others Sir. We, the undersigned, have read with alternating pleasure and repugnance the articles published today (January 20) in The Sunday Times and The Observer about Guy Lid-dell, a senior officer of MI5, Whereas the former speaks of him favourably, the latter does the reverse and defames his reputation.

Having either worked with Guy Liddell or been a friend of his family, we are moved to declare that, so the best of our knowledge, he was a person of sterling worth and flawless integrity who deserves well of his country, which, in times of exceptional difficulty, he served with loyalty, efficiency, devotion

We have no hesication in voicing our wholehearted approval of the following robust tributes respectively paid to Guy Liddell in a state-ment to The Times on December 31 by Sir Dick White, who was Direc-tor-General of MI5 from 1953 to 1956, and in The Sunday Times of today by the top ranking interrogator, W. J. Skardon, who worked with Liddell in MI5 and was with him until he retired: "I knew him well and never had the slightest don'bt about his good faith" and "He was a wonderful man and any suggestion that he was a traitor is preposterous ".

Yours faithfully, IOHN BALFOUR, WILLIAM CAVENDISH-BENTINCK, DACRE OF GLANTON, PATRICK REILLY, JOHN STEPHENSON, 38 Onslow Square, SW7. Јапиану 20.

A burnt-out case?

From Mr Graham Greene, CH Sic. Let us hope that the official guide to survival is rather more realistic than that printed in the telephone book of the Panama Canal Zone for 1976.

Your first warning of an attack might be the flash of a nuclear explosion. If outdoors take cover instantly in any building, or behind a wall, or in a ditch or culvert, or even under an automobile.

"If no cover is available, lie down

on your side, curl up, cover your head with your arms or hands. Never look at the flash or the fire-

"If indoors, go to the strongest part of the building and keep low." Yours truly, GRAHAM GREENE, January 19.

From Mrs Dilys V. Wood Sir, Your article on Civil Defence (January 16) implies that the decision to allow 160 American ground-launched cruise missiles to be installed in Britain makes us more liable to nuclear attack from the Russians and that any such attack would be aimed specifically

at nuclear targets.

Does it not follow that we should be much less liable to such an attack if we had no nuclear weapons at

Yours faithfully. 5 Brambling Court Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Travelling in Russia

From Mr Phil Sidey Sir, What a muddled letter Miss Nora Beloff writes (January 17) about the temporarily-shelved Pebble Mill series A Journey Through Russia.

I wonder what Miss Beloff would think if I wrote to The Times com-plaining about her recent book on her own travels in Russia without taking the precaution of reading it beforehand?

Our series has been put on one side as we thought it would not be enjoyed by viewers when the present crisis in Afghanistan is uppermost in their minds: but since an entirely different hare has been raised, may I say that the series

specifically was not subject to any veto by the Soviet authorities. Indeed, it had its own film crew and interpreter from Britain and it travelled in many places where even Miss Beloff has not set foot. And, like Miss Beloff, our team was

not born yesterday.

The series, incidentally, is about everyday life in Russia and is quite well done, as Miss Beloff will find out if she only has the patience to wait for the evidence before delivering the verdict. ing the verdict.
Yours sincerely, PHIL SIDEY, Head of Network Production Centre,

BBC, Pebble Mill Road, Birmingham.

Americans and Ireland

From Projessor Bernard Crick Sir, Michael Leapman's article headed "How the presidential race could prolong Ulster's agony" (January 16) gravely misrepresents American-Irish opinion and per-petuates the tendency of the British press to report all American concern with Ireland in terms of a diminishing number of extremists of declining influence.

To present Dr Cahill, an adviser to the Governor of New York, as influential is as absurd as to think that Governor Carey's allegiance to the Carter or the Kennedy camp will be bought by United States foreign policy demanding "troops

In similar terms an account of British attitudes to the EEC could be written for The New York Times in terms of Mrs Thatcher's need to placate, on the one hand, Mr Neil Marten, MP, and on the other, Mr Dennis Skinner, MP. So prevalent and false in the

Pritical press is the myth of American extremism on Ireland that the New Statesman kindly gave me extraordinary length (some 4,000 words) in their issue of December 7 last to document in boring detail what the real leaders American-Irish opinion, Tip O'Neill, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Senator Kennedy, have said.

From Mr Christopher Chataway and the Reverend Nicolas Stacey Sir, Hirler's Berlin G Sir, Hirler's Berlin Games and the Palestinian gunmen in Munich should convince anyone that the Sir, The Russians have observed Sir, The Russians never every Olympic ideal in their preparation for the Games. The American Olympic Committee would be in serious violation of Rule 24C, if they succumb to Olympics is one big propaganda bandstand and this year the hand-master is Russian. It is naive to

believe that the games are just sport. Eastern block countries are bringing their athletes up almost from the cradle to boost their medal political pressure and do not parnicipate. The Games have nothing to do with politics or national prestige. They are a competition between amateur individuals. Is The West must bravely boycott Lord Killanin really trying to impress upon us that the Olympics are now a sick parody of the founders' every aspiration? the Olympics. It will be hard, dreadfully hard, on the achieres whose hearts and lives are tied up with this competition. Yet it is hard for the Afghanis and Cambodians who are being killed in their thousands by Russian-backed troops. Many of the sports which constitute today's swollen Olympics also have separate world champion-ships. Track and field athletics do

The Olympics will probably not survive this blow, but it can be replaced. Aiready the cost of staging so many different sports at once has not-and they are the original centrepiece of the Games. Is this not the occasion to start a world athletic championship? It could be held this year in Munich, Montreal or Los Angeles and might subsereduced the venues to just a Even when this is done, I, for one, will feel that the loss of these games is pathetically small in comparison with the loss of these proud quently be given a permanent home in Greece. While few, who care for freedom, would now presumably subscribe to the Moscow Olympics, peoples. Yours faithfully,

available for such a venture,

For the athlete with every ambition long focused upon proving S. A. MARSH, British Compesitor, Sapporro Winter Olympics, Les Hubits De Haut, himself the best in the world in must be hard indeed to envisage the crumbling of this year's Games.

We can readily imagine the disap-St Martin. From Dr Michael Pratelli

pointment we would have felt. And yet, how would even victory taste in Moscow this summer? Sir, I agree with Professor Robert Skidelsky (January 17) that sport is a substitute for war. It is precisely for that reason the Moscow Olympic games should be boycotted The Russian occupation of Afghanistan must be recognized as the most deadly blow in 30 years to the ultimate survival of democracy. If the finest athletes in the world are wirhin a few months. by the West. Yours truly, world are within a few months M. PRATELLI, prepared to assist in an enormous propaganda coup for the Soviet 1 Dartmouth Park Avenue, NW5, January 18. Union they make it the more likely

that the Kremlin, like the Nazi leaders before them, will conclude From Mr Monja Danischewsky Sir, Can we draw any conclusions from the fact that the Russian word that there is no will to resist in the free world. Mir (pronounced as in miracle) has two meanings—"World" and "Peace"? Faced with such a prospect there must be some athletes at least who will be looking for alternatives. The Yours fairhfully, M. DANISCHEWSKY, suggestion we make could perhaps provide a part of the answer.

7 Boundstone Road,

China, whose troops invaded Tibet

more than 20 years ago and are still

France, whose military forces have

intervened in the past two years in

four African countries, Mauritania,

Zaire, Chad and the Central African

Republic, and whose Foreign Minister, M François-Ponçer, addressing the National Assembly

three weeks ago, sought to justify

Soviet Government in the case of Afgitanistan—namely, that it was

done "at the request of the estab

lished and recognized authorities"; Tanzania, whose troops last year

invaded Uganda to overthrow a

tainly not carried out at the request

Going farther back, to Suez, for

instance, one could easily add to the array of whited sepulchres which

current diplomacy is exposing to

of the established authorities.

WILLIAM FORREST. 19B East Heath Road, NW3.

those interventions on the grounds as those advanced by the

Farnham,

tyrant;

our view.

January 15.

Yours faithfully.

Surrey. January 17.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER CHATAWAY, NICOLAS STACES 40 Addison Road, W14.

substantial funds would surely be

Mightier than a rifle From the Managing Director of

Reuter's Sir, Robert Fisk, in a report from Afghanistan which you published today (January 21), said that he was handed a rifle so that he could defend himself if the Russian convoy in which he was obliged to travel was attacked.

Much though everyone will under-stand the natural instinct for self-preservation, he should have refused to carry the gun. If we are to claim protection for journalists reporting conflict, journalists must refuse to carry arms in any circum-

Those who are responsible for safety of journalists will instruct them to avoid avoidable risks. The risk to all journalists of any journalist carrying a gun is in my view greater than the doubtful protection a gun can give him. Yours faithfully, GERALD LONG, Reuter Limited,

85 Fleet Street, EC4. From Mr William Forrest

Sir, Your published list (January 15) of UN member-states calling for the immediate, unconditional and total withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan includes:

Links with Chile

From Lord Montgomery of Alamein Sir, The long overdue restoration of diplomatic representation in Chile at Ambassador level will be widely welcomed by British industry, commerce, and banking. One might therefore have ex-pected The Times to have taken a less narrow minded attitude (Jan-

uary 18) and at least have offered the new Ambassador their best wishes, since the reestablishment of harmonious relations will be a difficult task. The fact is that the removal of our Ambassador was most shortsighted and should never have taken place.

During the past few years the Chilean economy has achieved a spectacular recovery, but British participation has declined from 5.8 per cent in 1973, when we were fourth largest supplier, to 2.1 per cent in 1978, when we were tenth. It takes a long time to establish strong trading links, but is all too easy to destroy them. We have lost much goodwill in a country where we have such close historical links, and all our efforts will be required to regain the lost ground to regain the lost ground.

O'Neill wickedly remarked, in the middle of our general election, that

In a fiercely competitive world, these endeavours will not be assisted by hysterical incantations. Yours faithfully, MONTGOMERY OF ALAMEIN, House of Lords. January 18.

A tower opposite the Tate

From Mr S. C. Pigott
Sir, Unlike the critics Mr Howard
complains of (January 18), I did
"encumber my mind with the full
facts" of his plan for a hideous
building at Vauxhall Cross. I saw his models of it and lodged my protest with the Inspector of the public inquiry.

But why do architects put every-

one to the fuss and expense of protest? As professional men they profess to protect the public. Yet, instead of suppressing their own (or their clients') aberrations at conception, they threaten, without inhibition, to ruin more and more of our cities—and suffer no retribution from the Royal Institute of British Architects. The trahison des clercs of our generation? Yours faithfully, S. C. PIGOTT,

23 Vincent Square, SWL

They have both strongly criticized British inertia on Northern Irish policy (and how right they were, until November's White Paper) and

we treated Northern Ireland as a "political football". (I think he was referring to Mr Callaghan's granting of the Ulster seats to try to keep his government in power without extracting, Mr O'Neill would consider, any natural political price in terms of an Irish settlement; beyond that he was wrong. We simply ignored Northern

But equally strongly they have campaigned, with great success, to stop the giving of money to dubious patriotic fund raisers who, in the past, moved it towards the IRA. In its place they created, in 1976, with open books and trustees of great respectability, an Irish Fund wholly devoted to charities and community development. The success of this can be measured in terms of almost a doubling in the number of bank robberies in the Republic in the last

Ireland in the election debate.)

two years. Kennedy, O'Neill and Governor Carey fought traditional nationaltsm hard, changed opinions, played responsible national politics, not the old style stuff. They have had little honour in the English press

for their courage and success. President Carter has gone on record, as have O'Neill and Ken-

nedy, as offering economic aid if there can be established "a form of government which will command widespread acceptance throughout both parts of the community". I believe this is also the policy of Her Majesty's Government.

American foreign policy and pub-lic opinion supports the determination of our present Government, as Mrs Thatcher rather brusquely put it in her New York Times interview, to go to the people if necessary politicians" and to "impose a solution ". Leanman should be aware of all

this. He panders to old prejudices. Dr Cahill in his way, and Conor Cruise O'Brien provide amuning copy, but they lead no one. In fact, even the Social Democratic and Labour Party should remember, American pressure is as much on them to reach a settlement as it is on the British Government.

Some American prejudices, to do with federalism, constitutions, divisions and power, bills of rights etc. have some greater relevance to Northern Ireland than our heartland prejudices on Parliamentary sovereignty.

Yours sincerely BERNARD CRICK. Joint Editor, The Political Ouarterlu. Birkheck College. Gresse Street, W1.

Election in Rhodesia

From the Bishop of Mashonaland Sir, In the heady cuphoria of apparent success at the Lancaster House talks in London, the British Foreign Office sent out to Rhadesia a Governor with total responsibility but no power. The British Monitor-ing Force, outnumbered 20: 1 both by the Parrioric Front and Rhodesian troops, can only use per-suasion, and is determined never to engage in a fight nor act in defence of law and order.

Consequently not a day has passed here since the nominal ceasefire without its list of murders and the most flagrant acts of intimidation against the civilian population for political reasons.

Whereas nine months ago there was an election by 64 per cent of the voters which was deemed to be free and fair by the British Government kself, it is now clearly impossible for an election next month to be other than fearinspired and the victim of venality and force.

To whom, then, will Lord Soames give power, and with what democratic right? Yours faithfully. PAUL MASHONALAND, PO Box UA 7, Rhodesia. January 14.

Archbishop v Mammon

From Mr Evelyn Talhot-Ponsoning Sir, Does it not seem a little sur-prising that a Prime Minister who, on the steps of No 10 after election, quotes a prayer ascribed to St Francis of Assisi, should allow Budget Day 22 agest two months? Budget Day at over two months' notice to clash with the enthrone-ment of the Archbishop of Canter-bury, Primate of the Established Church?

This clash prevents many from attending the enthronement who would willingly be there and, on the media, will inevitably ensure that the event suffers in compari-son as news value with the price of petrol, alcohol or tobacco. Yours faithfully, EVELYN TALBOT-PONSONEY. 38 Kitsbury Road,

From Mr C. R. A. Cunliffe Sir, Why not have the enthronement early and the budget late in the day?

I am, yours truly, C. R. A. CUNLIFFE, East India Club, 16 St James's Square, SW1. January 19.

Berkhamsted,

January 18,

Hertfordshire.

From the Reverend Richard Giles Sir, If the Church of England really Turkey, whose troops invaded Cyprus in 1974 and still occupy a big slice of it; and is the Tory party at prayer, w strange decision of the Prima Minister's to require the Chancellor to make his budget speech entirely alone on March 25, his colleagues The United States, whose invasion of Cuba (Bay of Pigs) and Cambodia (Parror's Beak) were cerbeing on their knees in Canterbury Cathedral. Yours faithfully RICHARD GILES, S. Iude's Vicarage. Atherstone Avenue,

The sticking point

Peterborough.

January 18.

From Lord Roberthall Sir, Mr Fred Emery in his piece about appeasement (January 19) seems to ignore altogether the question, admittedly difficult, of when conciliation becomes appearement. An important element in any judement about this is credibility, ie how to make your opponents believe that you have a sticking point.

As far as British industry is concerned, it is very much later than Mr Emery seems to think, if he supposes that it is going to escape catastrophe just by settling the steel strike. Industrial production, excluding oil, has been almost static since 1973, while since then unemploy-ment has remained at levels unheard since full employment became official policy.

The balance of payments is heavily in deficit despite the large contri-bution from North Sea oil Neither the present nor the previous Gov-ernment have dared to simulate demand, because although the un-employed want jobs, the community does not want to buy the catra output. It prefers imports.

There is no sign at all of the rehabilitation of industry which would reverse this slide into a real catastrophe as the oil runs out. And at least a considerable factor in bringing about this state of affairs is the belief of many trade unions that they can enforce demands, far in excess of env increase of produc-tivity, by descripting, or morely threatening to discript, the economy. Yours faithfully, ROBERTHALL.

71 Carey Mansions Rutherford Street, SW1. January 19.

Melting precious metal From Mr Christopher Westm

Sir. Many of us who are engeened with the identification, a probable and sale of antiquarion silver and distressed to see that large numbers of items, which may have significant interest and value, are being metted down and will therefore be lost to

future generations.

May I urge your readers to seek the opinion of an old established. reputable and knowledgeable dealer or auctioneer before allowing objects to disappear into the melting pot.

Present owners must stand to gain financially by using caution and seeking sound advice. Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER WESTON, Chairman, Society of Fine Art Auctioneers,

7 Blenheim Street. New Bond Street, W.L. January 21.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM Jeguary 21: The Right Hon Sir Philip Moore had an audience of The Queen this morning when Her Majesty invested him with the Ingignia of a Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (Civil Division).

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception at: St James's Palace on March 20 given by St John Ambulance to mark the year of nursing.

Princess Margaret will attend a debate by the Cambridge Union Society on February 4.

The Duke of Kent, patron of the Retr Crers, will attend a performance of La Traviata at Sailer's Wells Theatre, London, en April 15.

Firthdays today

Miss Mary Hayley Bell, 66; Viscount Blakenham, 69; Sir John Cotton, 71; Sir Charles Davis, 71; Mr J. H. Doggart, 80; Lord Hughes, 69; Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, 70; Baroness Lo kwond, 56; Admiral Sir Geoffrey Oliver, 82; Vice-Admiral Sir Lancelot Perle, 75; Dr Denis Rebbeck, 66.

ferthcoming marriages

Mr H. J. Charnaud and Miss C. J. Twallin The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Charnaud, of Bornova, Izmir, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr Theo Twallin and the late Mrs Evelyn Twallin, of Bickley,

Major D. V. Frskine Crum and Miss J. M. Wilson The engagement is announced between Douglas Erskine Crum, Scots Guards, son of the late Lieutenant-General Vernon Erskine Crum, CIE. MIC, and of Mrs Vernon Erskine Crum, of Nuntown Orchard, Warfield, Borkshire, and Jacqueine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Wilson, of The Grove House, Little Bognor, Fittleworth, Sussex.

Mr. M. E. Hestop and Miss C. E. Ridler The engagement is announced between Michael Emerson, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. N. Hestop, of Merstham, Surrey, and Caroline Earbara. Tounger daughter of the late Mr A. W. Ridler, and of Mrs A. Ridler, of Chelsea.

Mr A. L. Marks and Miss D. E. S. Birch The engagement is announced between Anthony, cldest son of Mr and Mrs Harry Marks, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and Erika, elder daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs Gordon Birch, of Brussels.

Royal engagements

The following engagements for February have been announced from Buckingham Palace:

from Buckingham Palace:

1: The Prince of Wales visits the headquarters of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, Thorne House, Esher, Surrey.

1: The Prince of Wales visits the British Institute of Management, Management House, Parker Street, London WC2. F: The Duke of Edinburgh visits the safety vessel. MSV Tharos, near the Piper Platform in the North Sea.

8: The Duke of Edinburgh, as

RAF Kindoss.

13: The Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Royal Society of Arts, presides at a meeting of the Committee for the Environment at Buckingham Palace; The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opens the Vikings Exhibition at the British Museum; The Prince of Wales attends, as principal speaker, the annual banquet of the British Chamber of Commerce at the Grand Hotel, Eristol: Princess Anne presents the Carl-Alan Awards at the Lyceum, London.

14: The Queen and the Duke of

14: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give a reception at Buckingham Palace for the winners of the Queen's Award for export and technology. 16: Princess Anne. patron of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, attends the Cruising Dinner at

Lymington. The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, attends a meeting of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at 7 Grosvenor Gardens,

SW1.

20: The Duke of Edinburgh chairs the selection panel for the Duke of Edinburgh's Design Prize at the Design Centre, Haymarket; The Queen opens the "Hope Town" Salvation Army Hostel at Whitechapel; The Prince of Wales dines at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

22: The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opens the Elmsleigh Centre at Staines.

25:29: Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, visits the Royal Corps of Signals in the Sovereign base areas, Cyprus.

26: The Queen holds an investi-

ture at Buckingham Palace; The Duke of Edinburgh opens the "British Growers' Look Ahead" national conference and exhibition of the National Farmers' Union at Margareta. Union at Harrogate.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs David Burton was baptized Jane Richenda Frances by the Rev John Foster at St Mary's, Paddington Green, on Saturday, January 12. The godparents are Mr Donald Nicholls, QC, Mr David Alexander, Mrs Owen Swingland (for whom Lady Thurlow stood proxy), Mrs Herbert T. Nixon (for whom Miss Eleanor Burton stood proxy) and Miss Catherine Burton.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir Horace Cutler, Leader of the
Greater London Council, was the
quest speaker at last night's meeting of the Royal Over-Seas League
discussion circle at Over-Seas
House, St James's. Mrs E. Cresswell was in the Chair



Gauguin on show: "Horsemen on the beach", a late work by Paul Gauguin on loan from the Stavros Niarchos collection, which is to be shown from today at the National Gallery concurrently with the

exhibition of Post-Impressionism. The picture, painted in 1902, the year before the artist's death, can be seen in Room 45; it is the first time it has been shown in

Irreplaceable works of art may have been lost

Call to end panic melting of silver

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

A call for urgent government action to stop the drain of irreplaceable works of art through the panic melting down of antique silver was made resterday by Mr Christopher Weston, chairman of Phillips, the auctioneers. He mad the plea on behalf of all members of the Society of Fine Art Auctioneers.

Society members are lobbying their MPs and representations are also being made to the Assay Office to take action to stop melters.

"I strongly suggest that the Government should consider bringing in quickly a ruling making it illegal for antique silver to be melted down unless the plate committee of the Goldsmiths' Hall really felt that the object concerned was of very small interest to future generations", Mr Weston said.

The last occasion when silver objects were melted down in bulk was in the early veers of longer Matthey, a firm of longer Matthey, a firm of bulk was in the early years of the eighteenth century, when Louis XIV melted down most of the silver objects in France to finance his campaign during the war of the Spanish Succession; very little French

silver dating before 1720 has that came in to them over the

The last big "melt-down" in Britain was during the Civil War and the Commonwealth, again to pay for expensive cam-paigns. Most of the college silver in Oxford was hammered into coins to pay Charles I's soldiers; some coins bear the older hallmark of the piece destroved to create them.
A spokesman for Goldsmiths'
Hall yesterday took the view

that little of real merit was being melted. "It is only through ignorance that it is going", he said. He suggested that most people must know if their silver had any antiquity or distinction, in which case its value in the piece was far

Johnson Manney, a firm of

precious metal refiners and fabricators outside whose Hatton Garden premises the long queues of hopeful sellers are forming, said yesterday that they were melting all silver

When something of special distinction was offered to them they would advise the seller that he could get much more for it elsewhere, but if he decided to sell to them, it would go into the melt irrespective of date, maker or craftsmanship. Johnson Matthey's are now

so inundated with business that

they have introduced a two-

tier silver price. Regular customers, manufacturers and dealers are charged 15 per cent commission when scrap metal is taken in; the man off the street is charged 30 per cent. West End silver dealers confirmed to me that they were prepared to pay a substantial premium on the melt price for any secondhand silver of high any secondana silver of right enough quality for the retail market. Mr Thomas Lumley, one of the most knowledgeable and distinguished Bond Street dealers in antique silver, com-mented yesterday: "It has made no difference to us at all. There are two different markets; fine antique pieces have nothing to do with the melt price. "I am continuing to sell 30-

nunce Charles II tankards for £7,000, or even £8,000."

Israel takes lead in chess contest

By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent Astonishingly at the end of the second round in the European second round in the European Team Chess Championship finals at Skara, in Sweden, Israel was leading with 10 points, followed by Yugoslavia 9, USSR 8, England 71, Hungary and Sweden 7 and one game adjourned, Bulgaria 7, and Czechoslovakia 6:.

Israel's high position must be partly because of its recent gain in strength in the shape of Soviet emigré grandmasters and partly because so far it has met two weaker teams.

England gave a disappointing

weaker teams.

England gave a disappointing performance in round two in losing to Bulgaria by 3½—4½. Ouce again the top four English players again the top four English players performed magnificently and scored three to Bulgaria's one point, Stean and Speelman winning their games very much as Miles and Nunn had won theirs in the previous round. But the lower boards were quite outclassed and scored only half a point to Bulgaria's 3½.

The individual results were:

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Prince to visit Whitehall departments

By Robin Young The Prince of Wales is to continue his course of self-education in British public life with a series of visits to government depart-ments during the next six months.

of visits to government departments during the next six months. His official programme of nearly 100 visits, announced by Buckingham Palace yesterday, includes days to be spent at the Treasury, the Inland Revenue, the Cabinet Office, the Department of Industry, the Home Office and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisherles and Food.

The Prince declared his intention of studying as many British institutions as possible at first hand when he left the Navy in 1977. Last year he concentrated on industry, the City and trade unions, but he also spent a day at 10 Downing Street and the House of Commons in February.

His other engagements for the coming months include taking part in the National Rifle Association shooting match between the House of Lords and the House of Commons is two days' fishing off northwest Scotland, cancelled last year because of the general election; and singing with the choir at Exeter Cathedral on July 5.

Archbishop exhausted

The Archbishop of York, Dr Stuart Blanch, is cancelling some of his public engagements and cutting down on others on doc-tor's orders. At his home, Bishopthorpe Palace, York, a spokesman said yesterday that the archbishop had been "over-travelling,

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR H. F. BLACK Mechanical engineering at Heriot-Watt University

The transfer of the transfer of

since 1970, his research; attracted substantial support from the Science Research Council and the Ministry; of Defence as well as from in-dustry in Britain and Norway, He was much in demand as a

contributor to engineering conferences in Europe and held visiting professorships at the University of Virginia and at the Royal Military College of

His approach was always that

of an engineer, and his demon-surated power in problem-solv.

strated power in problem-solving for andustry sprang from his keen insight and ability in straight engineering combined with analytic talent. He was appointed to a Readership in 1971 and in 1975 to a personal professorship. For his published research he received the degree of Doctor of Science from Heriot-Watt University in July 1979.

gery for the college and for the universities of London and

an extremely active part in the affairs of the Royal Society of Medicine, acting at successive periods as joint honorary secretary, editor and librarian of that body.

During the First World War he served in France as a Tem-porary Major, RAMC. His principal literary work was the

editing of the Atlas of Patholo-

gical Anatomy, which was published under the auspices of the

British Journal of Surgery in two volumes in 1930-35.

Parry, daughter of the late Canon T. St. J. P. Pughe, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and

He married in 1923 Philippa

A srimulating teacher whose intellectual integrity, humorous commonsense and humanity as a man touched the lives of

He was much in demand as a

Professor Henry Francis Since 1970, his research; at-Black, who held a personal professorship in mechancial engineering at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, died on January 17.

The second secon

Henry Black was born in Vienna in 1928 and his family came to the United Kingdom in 1938. From the University College, Nottingham, he quali-fied for Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Engineering from London University. After experience in industry, he joined the teaching staff in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at what was then the Heriot-Watt College in 1951. As precident of the staff associapresident of the staff associa-tion, he played a leading part in work preparatory to the grant of the Charter of Heriot-Watt University in 1966, and served as an elected member of the Senace and Court of the new University

University. His research interests lay in the dynamics of rotor and hydro-dynamic bearings and later extended to the roll stabilization of ships, an area in which his research found immediate industrial application and which led to his recent work on marine risers for offshore old-production systems.

MR E. K. MARTIN

1979.

Mr E. K. Martin, FRCS, who acted as an examiner in surwas Consulting Surgeon to University College Hospital, died on January 19 at the age University College, and be took

Edward Kenneth Martin was born on September 21, 1883, son of Dr Edward Fuller Martin. He was educated at Charterhouse and University College Hospital, and qualified as MRCS England (1909), and MS (1911). After holding the posts of house surgeon, house physician, and first assistant to the director of the surgical unit at University College Hospital, he was elected a member of the honorary staff, and he also became surgeon to the Wembley Hospital and to the Luton and Dunstable Hospitals.

At the Royal College of Surgeons he was Hunterian pro-fessor in 1918 and Arnott also an FRCS, is an opthalmic demonstrator in 1933, and he surgeon.

MR KENNETH HALL Guinness; and in the second

Michael Codron writes: Kenneth Hall, CBE, who died capacity, he was the founder, with his brother, of Quality Inns; the owner at one time of on January 3, aged 71, was buried on January 11 at Holy Trinity Brompton. Among the congregation were many, includmany fashionable restaurants, including the Caprice, and latterly when his interests were bought by the Forte Organisation, a valuable member of the ing myself, who owe a tre-mendous gratitude to Ken Hall for the encouragement that he showed to all people starting out in two professions which were his joint lifelong devotions: the theatre and food.

In the first capacity, he was the most assiduous of that vanishing breed, the theatrical angel as well as being chair. Board of Trust Houses Forte.

Apart from his many honorary services for NAAFI and the White Fish Authority, for which he was made CEE, he was for many years a familiar sight around the West angel, as well as being chair-man of London Management, the agency which handles such distinguished clients as Sir Alec End being an inveterate walker, distinguishable by his imposing

MR E. C. WILLIAMS Mr Eric Charles Williams,

CB, who was Chief Inspector of

Nuclear Installations from 1971 Beauman writes: to 1975, died on January 8 at the age of 64. Born on May 15. 1915. He was educated at King Edward VI School, Stratford-upon-Avon, and the University of Birmingham, where he gained his ESC in 1935 and his MSC in 1936. In 1936 he joined the Civil Service, at Bawdsey Research Station, Air Ministry.
During the Second World
War he was an Hon Wing Commander in the RAF from 1943 to 1945. He attended the Imperial Defence College in 1947 and from 1948 to 1949 was Assistant Scientific Adviser, Air Ministry. He was Director Air Ministry. He was Director of - Operational Research, Admiralty, from 1949 to 1954. From 1955 to 1960 he was Scientific Adviser, Intelligence. Ministry of Defence, and from there went to he Director, SHAPE Technical Centre. a post he occupied from 1960 to 1964. He was Chief Scientific Adviser. MoT. from Scientific Adviser, MoT. from 1964 to 1967 and, from 1968 to 1974 was Chief Scientist at the Ministry of Power and subse-quently Chief Scientist (Energy), Ministry of Technology (larer the Department of Trade and Industry). His final

He was appointed CB in 1969. Williams married in 1946, Ekisabeth Ruby Alice Bryan. They had one son and one daughter.

appointment was that of Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installa-

appearance and seemingly always fresh yellow carnation. MAJOR TRYGGVE GRAN Wing Commander Bentley Another of Major Tryggve Gran's achievements was in 1914

when he flew a Bleriot aircraft from this country (actually he started from Scotland) to Norway. He was the first to make this flight which was quite a feat in those days.

We were together at the Bieriot school at Buc in December, 1913, and he struck me as being a quite outstanding character.

Lieutenant-Commander the Hon Peter Cuthbert Carew, third son of the fifth Baron Carew, died on January 17. He

Air Vice-Marshall John Brown Wallace, CB, OBE, who died on January 16, was Deputy Direc-tor-General of Medical Services, R.A.F., from 1961 to 1966.

Lady Platt, wife of Sir Harry Platt, 1st Br, died on January 17. She was Gertrude Sarah, second daughter of Richard Turney, and she married her har [] husband in 1916.

Lady Adams, wife of Sir Maurice Adams, KEE, FICE, died on January 17. She was Hilda May, daughter of Frank Williams, and married her husband in 1924.

Señor Benjamin Palencia,

the Spanish painter, died in Madrid on January 16. He was

Today's engagements The Duke of Kent, vice chairman of the British Overseas Trade

Board, attends Trade Association seminar, Mount Royal Hotel, Exhibitions : "That Repulsive

Luxury: Cutting Betel in Style". Museum and Art Gallery, Doncaster; 100 of the Finest Drawings from Polish collections, Heim Gallery, 59 Jermyn Street, London, 10 to 5.30; Graeme Sims, paintings, Seen Gallery, 39 Paddington Street, Marylebone, 10 to 6.30. Seen Gallery. 39 Paddington Street, Marylebone. 10 to 6.30.

Lectures/Talks: Revolution — Green, by David Fleming, Conway Hall, Red Linn Square, Holborn. 7; Support for the Arts—public or private, by Mr Kenneth Robinson, Polytechnic of North London, Ladbroke House, Highbury Grove, 2; Decoration on Ancient Egyptian Coffins. 11.30; Aristocrats of the Old Kingdom. 1.15. Brinsh Museum; Kangchenjunga, by Douglas Scott, Lincoln Mountaineering Club, Bishop Grosseteste College, Newport, Lincoln, 7.30; Velaquez, by Paul Spencer-Longhurst, Nazional Gallery, 1; Futurism 1: Italian, by Pat Turner, Tate Gallery, 1; Peter Stein and the Schaubuhne am Halle Schen Ufer, by Ned Chaillet of The Times, Goethe Institute, SO Princess Gate, 7.30; Poetry: Patric Dickinson reads his own poatry, Nazional Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, 7.30.

Gencerts: Josef Busher, 2003.

Concerts: Josef Bucher, organ, Faculty of Music, Reid Concert Hall, Edinburgh, 7.50. Memoral service: Joan Viscoun-tess Ingleby, Holy Trinity, Brompton, noon.

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The Middle East

The Middle East has during the rast hundred yearfs escaped being dominated by Russia not because Middle Eastern states have been

Sir Robert Peel society formed

A society has been formed to pro-A society has been formed to promote the study of the life, works and times of Sir Robert Peel.

Eased at Tamworth, Shifferd shire, the society hopes e-cutually to establish a museum depacting the life of the Peel family, who lived at Drayton Manor, near the town, until the 1920s.



A rare "King's Own" plate camera stands among hundreds of toys, models and other collectable items to be sold at auction by Phillips at their new collectors' centre in London, which was opened yesterday.

Fund to restore and clean stone monuments By a Staff Reporter

A fund is to be set up in memory of Mrs Katharine Esdaile, who pioneered much of the work on restoring and saving stone monuments. It will be attached monuments. It will be attached to the Orton Trust, based at Little Cakley, near Kettering, and help to further its work in cleaning and restoring stonework and providing traineestips.

The Katharime Esdaile Fund is being proposed by Mr Edmund Esdaile, Mr James Lees-Milne, Sir Sachtwerell Sitwell. Sir John Summerson and Sir Authony Wagner. Sacheverell Summerson Wagner.

Japanese pay £3,200 for Berlin porcelain plaque

By Geraldine Norman

By Geraldine Norman
Sale room Correspondent
A sale of English and Continental ceramics at Christie's yesterday totalled £61,183, with S per cent unsold.
The top price in the sale, £3,200, was paid by the Japanese firm. Padeia Trading, for a Berlin porcelain plaque painted in the rineteenth century, with a scantily of the search of dressed girl posing as Psyche.

She has little wings and a friendly butterfuly poses on her hand. It had been estimated to fetch between £800 and £1.200.

A Sevres turquoise ground part dinner service sold for £3,000 for £2,700 (estimate £1.200)

(estimate £1,800 to £2,2001 and late Nymphenburg part service for \$2,500 (estimate \$1,500 to \$2,000). At Sotheby's a sale of Russian works of art made £49.914, with 3 per cent unsold. Prices were bolstered by the jump in value for precious metals and by the new keen collectors of anything to which the name Faberge can be attached.

Science report

Solar energy: Improving conversion

By the Staff of Nature
As conventional fuels become
scarcer and more expensive,
attention is shifting increasingly

scarcer and more expensive, attention is shifting increasingly towards alternative energy sources which do not suffer from surply difficulties. Solar energy is one of the obvious candidates, and research into how to collect and convert it has intensified considerably over recent years.

A new method for increasing the light collection efficiency of a certain type of solar cell has now been put forward: it could improve the economics of solar energy quite substantially in certain cases.

The research by two scientists from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Dr R. Reisfeld and Dr Y. Kalisky, is concerned with improving the performance of solar cells made from silicon. Silicon is one of the most commonly used materials for that purpose; cells made from single solicon crystals have total efficiency on to the cell.

But, more important, the glass ontains a small percentage of fluorescent materials, a non-radioactive urantum oxide and a rare calcively for figure is due to the shorter wavelengths.

increased if silicon cells are to become commercially viable.

Like any photovoltaic solar cell. silicon ones can make good use only of incident sunlight of a certain range of wavelengths. However, the Sun emits an entire spectrum of light, from the shortwave ultraviolet and blue to the longer wavelength infrared radiation. The current type of silicon cells cannot use the very energetic short wavelengths of sunlight, and they are therefore lost altogether.

By itself, the addition of that material would not be sufficient. The evictation energy levels of new law its part. The evictation energy levels of match well the energy cmitted by much well the energy cmitted by much is the second staze in a wavelength shifting process, but the interior for a wavelength that can be absorbed properly by the silicon cell.

The advantage of that neat tech.

The excitation energy levels of neodymium are such that they match well the energy emitted by the uranium oxide. Thus neodymium is the second stage in a wavelength shifting process, but this time it emits light of a wavelength that can be absorbed properly by the stilicon cell.

The advantage of that neat technique is that the solar cell now converts more of the Sun's radiation which falls on it. And it is not very difficult to m.ke glass bon which tails on it. And it is not very difficult to make glass with the added impurities. Al-though the researchers cannot yet give a definite figure for the total efficiency of such a device, preliminary figures suggest that the addition of the converter glass should yield improvements of about 50 per cent. Source: Nature, January 17, (283, 281; 1980) 1980.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Renter Warden and Mrs Payton. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Master, the Upper Warden and Canon R. C. Eliot. Other guests included the Ambassador of Costa Rica, the Dean of St Paul's, the Masters of the Fruiterers' and Cutlers' Companies and the Deacon of the Incorporation of the Gardeners of Glasgow.

Latest appointments

Luncheons

Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs, was host yesterday at a
uncheon held at 1 Carlon
Gardens in honour of Herr Uwe
Ronneburger, deputy chairman,
Free Democratic Party of the
Federal Republic of Germany,
and Mrs Ronneburger.

Association
Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, deputy chairman, UK branch, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, was host at a luncheon given by the branch at the House of Commons yesterday in honour of the Speaker of the House of Keys, Sir Charles Kerruish, and members of the Jsle of Man branch of the association. Among those mesent were:

of the association. Among those present were:

Ar J. J. Christian. MHK. Mr E. C. Irving. WHK. Mr T. E. Kermeen. MHK. Mr G. V. H. Knede. MLC. Mr P. B. M. Quale. Wr P. Baddilft. MHK. the Meroness of Headfort Lord Llovd of Kilgerin. CC Mr D. P. Baddilft. Mr B. St. Bernard Braine. D. P. Linding and Mr D. St. Bernard Crawhaw. MP. Mr J. Dunn. MP and Mr Peter Cobb.

Dinners

Lady Rowlandson Mr James Callaghan, MP, and Mrs Mr James Gallaghan, MP, and Mrs Callaghan attended a dinner party given by Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson at 18 Grosvenor Square yesterday in honour of the High Commissioner for Malaysia and Tengku Zailah. Those present included:

The Ambassador of Swrden and Mrs Lind, the Ambassador of Company Allaysia and Company de Mandora-Acosta, Earl and Company deligope and Lord and Lord Dennian.

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Gardeners' Company Gardeners' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and their ladies, attended
the Gardeners' Company ladies'
dinner at the Mansion House last
night. They were received by the
Master and Mrs Talbot, the Upper
Warden and Mrs Reddall and the
Renter Warden and Mrs Payton.
The sneakers were the Lord

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Major-General Sir Frank Kitson to be
Deputs Commander in Chief United
Kingdom Land Forces and Inspector
General Territorial Ermy and Cadets.
In March in the rank of lieutenantGeneral Territorial Ermy and Cadets.
In March in the rank of migration of Director
Military Survey. Ministry of Defence. In
March in the rank of major-general
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March in the rank of major-general
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In the rank of major-general. Major-General
Office Commandant Staff College. Camberley.
Major-General A. C. S. Boswell, in the
Director Territorial Army and Cadets.
In April. Major-General R. Perkins to be
Director Territorial Army and Cadets.
In April. Major-General R. Perkins to be
Director William? Assistance Office.
Imistry of Defence, in April: Begagder
R. E. J. Gersard-Wright in the General
Officer Commanding Eastern District in
Selyadier A. J. Trythell to be Director
Army Education. Ministry of Defence
In Major General M. B. Ferndale to be
General Officer Commanding 2
Armoured Division in February MajorGeneral A. L. Watson to be Chief of
Staff. Headquarters Alihed Forces
Northern Europe in March.

Professor Angela M. Bowey and Professor Angela M. Bowey and Dr Ann Robinson to be part-time members of the Equal Opportuni-Mr Ivan Forder, aged 49 of Thames Valley police, to be assist-ant chief constable of Northampant chief constable of Northamptonshire in succession to Mr Eldred Boothby, who has been appointed deputy chief constable of Durham.

Mr Hugh Boulter, assistant education officer of Northamptonshire, to be director, World Wide Education Service, London.

Scotland makes poor start in home countries bridge Griffin, R. Mahoney: P. D. Jourdain, E. Martin, Non-playing captain, T. J. 1988.

By Our Bridge Correspondent Scotland made a poor start in their defence of the Home Coun-Rothmans regional pairs : The first tries Bridge International series for the Camrose Cup when they lost all three matches to Northern Ireland by similar margins of 5—7 in Larne at the weekend.

Rothmans regional pairs: The first weekend of the Rothmans regional pairs, organized by the English Bridge Union, took place at Bournemouth and Harrogate, when 10 per cent of the field when 10 per cent of the field qualified for the final in June. Qualifiers: England, who defeated the other three countries last season but nevertheless failed to win overall by one victory point because of Scotland's bigger totals against Wales and Northern Ireland, were looking for a big win against Wales at Porthcawl to prevent a similar position arising.

In a disappointing display they won by 10—2, 2—10, 7—5, to leave the league table in an unusually balanced position.

Table: N Ireland 21, England 19, Wales 17, and Scotland 15.

Tranna: N Ireland: J. Paul. K. Hawlin: G. Mackensle, J. Ryder: N. Pertical-Price, K. Schenkin, V. Goldberg: R. D. Short, A. H. Dumcan: D. Damond, D. Finestone, Non-playing captain, C. D. Bowman.

England: D. Storthelm, N. Goldberg: R. D. Short, A. H. Dumcan: D. Damond, D. Finestone, Non-playing captain, C. D. Bowman.

England: D. J. Groenwood, P. D. Alder: G. T. Kirby, J. M. Armstrong: Paying captain, I. G. Faulkner, Wales: R. Upton, J. Salisbury; R. England, who defeated the other Qualified for the final in June.
Qualifiers:

Roumemouth: 1. G. Lowcock, D. A.
Riossom 'Sonthern Counties', 7:396:

2. D. L. Parry, R. C. J. Hyde
'Southern Counties', 7:101; 5. Dr U.
Jacobson (London), 1. G. C. Dereit,
W. J. Durden, Surrey & G. A. S. Ges.
Golfand, 6,818; 4. A. C. Chereit,
W. J. Durden, Surrey & G. A. S. Ges.
Golfand, Mrs. E. Hoon, R. G. Ges.
Golfand, Mrs. E. Hoon, R. Back,
more 'Devon and Cornwallt, 6:653;
T. Miss M. McCarlly, Mrs. G. Golfand,
T. Miss M. McCarlly, Mrs. E.
Samtel, E. Scion (London), 6:550;
T. Roth, M. Leighton (Esset),
6:453; 10 D. G. Swith, Dr. G.
Thomas 'Southern Counties, 6:432,
Harrogate; 1. J. A. H. Petric, 1.
Reardon, 7:764; 2. A. H. Petric, 1.
Reardon, 7:764; 2. D. H. Leslie,
D. A. S. Curran, 7:506; 5. R. Knapp,
Mrs. S. Sumons, 7:174; J. N. Gardeer,
Mrs. C. Odroyd, 7:152; 5. G. R.
E. Elsen, S. Cane, 7:103; 7. H. L.
Hoplann, M. R.
Harrogate (C. Lloyd-Williams and Mrs. W. Angsrealng and Mrs. D.
Styvenson at Harrogate qualified as the
highest placed women's pairs outside
the main list.

Memorial service Mr L. E. Tanner

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Lawrence Tanner was field yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster officiated and gave Westminster officiated and gave an address, assisted by Canon John Austin Baker, the Rev Alan Luff, precentor, the Bishop of Rochester, Lord High Almoner, and the Rev Christopher Hildyard, sacrist. Dr John Rae, Headmaster of Westminster School, read the lesson. Prebendary Neil Collings, the Rev W. Booth, representing the Bishop of London, the Rev Gerald Irvine and the Right Rev William Stanuard, representing the Busby Trust, were robed and in the sanctuary. Among others present were:

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Mr and Mrs Poter Taumer, Mr and
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Mrs J. R. C. Tamper, Mr L. Dent,
G. Dont, Mr and Mrs John Eyre,
and Mrs D. C. R. Tauner, Lietten
Colonel L. K. Watson, Mrs Morris,
M. Waller, Miss J. Waller, Mr Nich
Hacklichael, Mr and Mrs Ru
Botler. H. Waller, Mrs. J. Wanter, or Price and Stackholarl, Mr. and Mrs. Rubert Botter.

Lord Githerne (High Steward of Westminster), Lord Cross of Chelend, the Hon Findley Rea, Str. Philip Str. Reginald Sharpe, Mrs. Str. Philip Str. Reginald Sharpe, Mrs. W. R. Van Straubenze, Mr. Indne Wegist, Canon James Mansel, Mr. W. R. Van Straubenze, Mr. Indne Club, Professor Nerman Ashlon, Mr. Ivor Bulmer-Thomas (Ancient Menuments Society), Mr. Treiar Berson, Mrs. Edward Carpenier, Mr. L. M. Court, Mr. L. M. Court, Mrs. Edward Carpenier, Mr. David Crapenier, Mr. Anthony Camps Waller, Mrs. Edward Carpenier, Mr. David Crapenier, Mr. Anthony Camps Waller, Mr. Chief, Mr. Court, Mr. Chief, Mr. Pairick Maryah Mr. and Mr. Anthony Mr.

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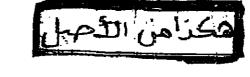
Hayter, Mr William Alfred, of Winchester ... £156.333
Beynes, Mr Lawrence Burch, of Harborne, Birmingham, company director ... £121,241
de Welf, Mr Egidius Johannes Maria, of Comzes Bay, Gwynedd £125,054



Woman ambassador: Miss Patricia Hutchinson, who is to be Britain's Ambassador to Uruguay, at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office yesterday. Also in London was Mr William Peters, whom she succeeds. He has been appointed British High Commissioner to Malawi.



Dr Roy Strong, the Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum and distinguished art historian, has been awarded the Shakespears prize for 1930 by the Angle-Ger-man jury of the FVS Foundation



dominated by Russia not because Middle Eastern states have been able to defend themselves or because the Arab peoples have been vigilant or courageous but because any threat of domination would have provoked Britain or France or the United States to prevent it. This is still true and the Middle East still cannot be defended by itself or by its own inhabitants. If Baghdad or Amman or Beirut are to remain in any sense western cities they can be defended only from Washington or from London. Whether within the Middle East one state riss and another fails in influence is not, to the west, a matter of great urgency. The Middle East heediternam is geographically and strategically so important thill it cannot in any circumstances be allowed to pass into Russian hands.

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THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

- Słock markets FT Ind 457.7, down 2.1 Ft Gits 69.26, up 0.73
- \$2.2840, down 15 points Index 72.3, up 0.4
- **■** Dollar
- Index 84.9, up 0.2
- Gold
- 3-month money Inter-bank 17; to 17; Euro-\$ 14% to 14% -

IN BRIEF

Zambian takeover of petrol and fuel stocks

Zambia has nationalized perrol and diesel oil stocks perfol and diesel oil stocks worth 14m kwachas (about 17,743m) belonging to five international oil companies, according to a reliable source in Lusaka. The value of the fuel, owned by Agip, Caltex, Mobil, Shell-BP and Total, would be credited to the companies involved.

The Zambian government.

The Zambian government, which has a half share in the Indeni oil refinery at Ndola with the Italian ENI company, has also indicated that it plans to open negotiations to buy back the Ndola Oil Storage Co

'Crisis cartel' ended

Western Europe's synthetic fibre makers have decided to scrap their controversial 1978 market-sharing agreement known as the "crisis cartel," European Community Sources in Brussels say. The producers will announce new arrangements in the next few days to reduce total EEC output on a voluntary

Shares suspended

Armitage Shanks Group, Britain's last independent and largest sanitary ware manufacturer asked for its shares to be suspended, at 56p, yesterday following an approach which may lead to an offer. The company is capitalised at f17.6m and likely bidders include Marley and Hanson Trust, rather than Ceremic Investment of Panama, which has 21 per cent of the Staffordshire group.

Loan for R-R

Lazard Bros yesterday arranged a \$156m (about £68m) Royce. The loan for Eastern Air Lines of Miami, United States, to help them buy Rolls-Royce RB 211-535 engines for the 21 Boeing 757 aircraft on order.

Farm loan to China

Nichimen Co, a Japanese trading firm, says it has signed an agreement to provide 3,400m ven (about £6.2m) in loans to China to help finance a largescale agricultural project in Heilongjiang Province in northeastern China.

Food for the poor, page 19

Nissan in \$40m deal Japan's Nissan Motor Co says in Tokyo it has acquired a 36 per cent interest in Motor Iberica SA, of Spain, by buying some 2.65 million shares from Massey Ferguson of Canada. Motor industry sources said the total cost was about \$40m

(abour £18m)

Recruits for CBI The Stock Exchange and the Association of British Travel Agents are among this month's list of new recruits to the Confederation of British In-

MG bid delay concern BL executives are considering how much more time to allow the consortium, led by Aston Martin Lagonda. to make an offer for the MG car operations at Abingdon in Oxfordshire.

Dow Jones up 5.63 On the New York Stock Exchange yesterday the Dow Jones industrial average gained 5.63 points to close at 872.18. SDR-S stood at 1.31975 and SDR-£ at 0.576008.

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PO chief opposes any surrender of service to private industry

By Patricia Tisdali Management Correspondent

A report justifying the Post Office's monopoly of addressed Office's monopoly of addressed mail has been sent by Sir William Barlow, the chairman to the Secretary of State for Industry. The report, which examines possible modifications, was compiled following complaints about deliveries during the summer. Sir Keith Joseph threatened to review the threatened to review the monopoly if services did not

The resulting information is not likely to be made public on the grounds that it contains commercially confidential material. However it is understood that Sir William rejects the idea of hiving off eary substantial tial sector of the service to private industry in the belief that it would not be to the general advantage to cream off selected profitable traffic.

The report is separate from the Monopolies Commission in-vestigation into the letter post service, due to be completed in March. This was instigated by Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade, because of con-cern about declining standards in the London postal area.

Both reports will be used in drafting the new legislation needed to divide the Post Office into two independent corpora-tions. This is expected to be introduced before the end of this year and is likely to give greater scope for private industry to supply apparatus for attachment to the telecommunications network.

Consultations aimed at modifying the Post Office's present exclusive rights in this area are already taking place between the Post Office, manufacturers, trade unions and users.

Financial results for the half year due to be discussed at the plant. At present, private corporation's full board meeting couriers are only legally allowed today are expected to show that to carry parcels.

about £12m compared with a profit of over £24.2m for the same period in 1978-79. Estimates for the full year, how-ever, indicate a substantial recovery with posts forecast to reach a profit broadly in line with the target of 2 per cent

Considerable thought is being given to the long-term future of the new postal and Giro corporation once it has been split from its more profitable tele communications partner.

Business users fear that, when asked to make a choice, the most able management and headquarters support staff will opt for telecommunications. They view the tariff increases, due to take effect on February

4, as a possible first step in a spiral of higher prices and declining volume of use. The influential Post Office Users National Council criticized the corporation last month for not introducing a wider price differential between the new charges for first and second class letters.

POUNC believes that there is scope for raising the volume of mail through improved marketing and pricing policies. Gov-ernment policy makers are also keenly aware that British use of the letter post (per head) is less than that in other countries ress than that in other countries such as Belgium, France, The Netherlands or Canada, and only about half that in the United States.

One suggestion has been that private couriers should be allowed to carry urgent mail and charge market prices. This would free the Post Office to introduce a single daily delivery spread over a longer period than at present and so improve the utilization of manpower and

French court rules in favour of Iranians

By Our Economics Staff Iran has won the latest round in its battle with the Paris adding that this was a "conserbranch of the United States bank, Citibank. A French court yesterday rejected an appeal by Citibank against the temporary freezing of just over \$50m. ary freezing of just over \$50m (£21m) of its funds held with the Bank of France and the Banque Internationale pour

l'Afrique Occidentale. Bank Markazi of Iran had asked the French courts to freeze the Citibank assets on the grounds that Citibank owed the Iranians \$50m.

The American bank has refused to release this \$50m, held on denosit at its Paris branch by the Iranians, claiming that it is covered by the Presidential freeze on Iranian funds.

that the blocked Citibank funds would be limited to \$51,733,404, expected to reach the courts again in early March.

Citibank refused to comment last night on its next likely move in the saga. It had earlier given the

impression that it expected the court ruling to be in its favour. The funds blocked are part of those which it uses for its clearing operations in France. There was no indication vester-day about how the blocking would affect Citibank's ability to carry on business as usual Yesterday's court ruling said in Paris.

Merchant banking 'club' debates the delicate question of foreign takeovers of members

Seeking acceptance by the Accepting Houses

Two running takeover bids involving members of the Accepting Houses Committee (AHC) have disturbed the calm atmosphere within this charmed inner circle of British merchant

No one suggests that there is a dispute among the 17 leading merchant banks which make up the committee. But there is a divergence of opinion about whether two members—Singer & Friedlander and Antony Gibbs Holdings, both of whom could fall under foreign owner-ship—should be allowed to continue to members. tinue as members.

Members of the committee are showing foresight, since the question has not yet been asked by either of the banks effected. But if the American insurance broking group Marsh & McLennan succeeds with its takeover bid for C.T. Bowring, of which Singer is not and if the Hong. Singer is part, and if the Hong-kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation buys the 60 per cent of Gabbs which it does not dready own, then the case for continuing membership have to be decided.

The rules are complicated. The committee set up in 1914

bankers, has no written cousting body, although in practice tunion and the benefits of mem, the Bank of England would apbership are obscure.

It is important enough in terms of status, however, for leading banks to want to belong. Members know that their bills are eligible for re-discounting at the finest possible rates in the money market (but so now those of other leading.

And people who deal with Accepting Houses know that the standing of a member in the banking world is as sound as it could be. Indeed, the Bank of England, with whom the Accepting Houses have always had a close relationship, understood to ensure that. On the other hand, in the 1974/75 secondary banking crisis, the Bank saved many

of membership have been whittled away over the years, leading merchant banks con-tinue to guard their AHC status jealously. Singer and Gibbs will almost certainly want to contimue to belong, even if they are taken over. That is where the taken over. That is where the day control by its parent.
There is some "case-law"
The AHC, whose chairman is here. Samuel Montagu, when it

banks which were not members

of the AHC

This has been interpreted as meaning that at least 50 per cent of equity should be in British hands and that no single non-resident should own more

prove any new member. AHC members must be full members of the British Bankers' Associa-

tion, which in turn meens that

they must (in the view of the Bank of England) be British-

than 15 per cent of the equity. EEC banks, however, can take up to 25 per cent of an AHC member. If the takeovers go through, neither Singer nor Gibbs would seem to be eligible for membership—either full membership of the British Bankers' Association or in turn the AHC.

deed they already are. Gibbs is now owned 40 per cent by the Hongkong and Shangai. The key to their future membership. therefore, looks like being de-cided on another important con-dition of AHC membership that the conduct of any member bank must be free from day-to-

AHC and the Bank of England that it would continue to run as an independent unit wirhin Mid-land. William Brandts, on the other hand, resigned from the AHC in 1975 when it became clear after serious disfliculties in the bank that its parent, Grandlays, could not give Brands the necessary degree of manage-ment independence.

What warries some members of the ARC is that, if the rules can be bent in this way, the whole basis and point of membership could be undermined. The mess which Lloyd's, the The mess which Lloyd's the insurance marker, has got itself into over the question of foreign membership (a question incidentally that also arises in the case of Gibbs which has Lloyd's insurance broking interests) is not one they want to see repeated by the AHC.

Thus the debate goes on with-in City banking parlours. No decisions will have to be taken until the outcome of the two takeover bids is known.

In the case of Singer, its parent is strongly resisting the American office, so the question may never exise. But in Gibbs' case, a friendly takeover is



Mr John Baring: in the chair as the Accepting Houses Committee debates foreign ownership.

planned. The Hongkong and Shanghai and Gibbs would both like to see Gibbs' membership of the AHC continued, and could well be outting their case

Gieves of Savile Row is selling offshoot to US buyer for £3.7m

Gieves Group, the Savile Row tailors and bookbinders, is selling its James Burn Rind selling its James Burn Bindings subsidiary for £3.7m and distributing the cash to shareholders. Although the deal took nine months to complete the news came as a surprise to the stock market where the

shares yesterday closed 21p higher at 103p. Holders of ordinary shares will receive 60p in cash while the preference and "B" preference shareholders will be paid 120p per share, when the deal with Standex International, a United Kingdom subsidiary of the American corporation, goes

Among the conditions is a subclause terminating the sale on a commencement of war or armed hostilities involving either Britain or the United States.
The complicated terms of the

holders putting the company amount to £1.2m.

gest insurance broking group, has decided to press ahead with

a £240m takeover bid for British

rival C. T. Bowring, despite

Bowring board.

Marsh said last night that it

would be offering \$190 cash and 2.767 of its own shares for

every 100 Bowring ordinary. Last night's closing rate puts

a value of just under 163p on

each Bowring ordinary.
The terms are the same as

opposition from the

By Richard Allen

bitter

the deal but results in Gieves temporarily losing its stock market quotation. However, Mr Michael Keeling, the group chairman, said vesterday that the stock market was prepared to give the company its new quote without involving it in the expensive and complicated procedure required by new issues. Bindings Tames Burn

was taken over by Gieves in 1970. In the six months to July 31 last, pre-tax profits slipped from a previous £388,000 to £289,000 and there is little chance of the downturn being reversed in the second half. However, the chairman is expecting Burn to make around £550,000 for the year to January 31, 1980, against a previous £746.000.

The net tangible assets of the The complicated terms of the subsidiary—which manufactures deal involve Gieves share metal spiral book bindings—

" inadequate ".

Bowring's shares closed un-

speculation continued over the

American group's ability to overcome regulatory hurdles on both sides of the Atlantic.

Chief among these could be approval of the Lloyd's com-

mirtee, which at present dis-

allows outside groups from holding generally more than 20

per cent of a Lloyd's member firm. However, Marsh himed it would be prepared to self off 75 per cent of the group's Lloyd's broking interests to

profitable subsidiary of Gieves which last year turned in pretax profits amounting to £1.6m. Without this offshoot the new Gieves Group will consist of the Savile Row men's outfitters Gieves & Hawkes, book and magazine manufacturer Redwood Burn, whose main con tract is to print and bind the Guinness Book of Records and motor dealer, publishing and property divisions.

Net current assets of the new group will amount to £4.4m or 77p a share against 144.5p at the time of the last report and

Stander is Burn's main com-penizor in the United States, where around 20 per cent of Burn's exports are sold, and was planning to expand into the European market. By taking over the Gieves subsidiary it has found a ready made manufacturer and market.

Marsh to press Bowring bid over. Then Bowring's directors satisfy the committee's rule. Insurance Correspondent discussed the offer as not in the Marsh & McLennan of the best interests of the British on approval of the Office of United States, the world's biggroup and described the terms group and Bank of gest insurance broking group.

focure of Singer & Friedlander

Bowring's merchant banking changed last night at 143p as offshoot. Marsh intends to post offer documents to Bowring shareholders as soon as registration procedures with the United

States Securities and Exchange Commission have been com-Bowring said last night: Because of the drop in

M & M's share price, coupled with the strength of sterling since then, the offer is now worth even less".

Mr Lawson pledges tight hold on PSBR

A hard Budget is likely as

the Government attempts to hold down its horrowing requirement. In a major policy speech yesterday Mr Nigel Law-son, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, reaffirmed the Gov-ernment's commitment to controlling its borrowing require-

Although the Public Secto Borrowing Requirement (PSBR) is likely to rise in 1980-81 in money terms, the Government is anxious to keep its level as a proportion of gross domestic This will involve taking some

money out of the economy, over and above the £1,000m or so in spending cuts which the Government is expected to announce next month. This is because there is a natural tendency for the PSBR to rise in times of and unemployment and social security benefits rise. Some economists have argued

that it will not matter if the PSBR does rise for this, cyclical, reason next financial year. However Mr Lawson yesterday emphasized that any cyclical rise should come against the background of a secular fall the PSBR as a proportion

He was suggesting that the net effect in 1980-81 would be to leave the PSBR little changed

from its present proportion of 41 per cent of GDP.

The Treasury ministers are united in the view that severe cuts in public spending, and a relatively hard Budget are needed to ensure the control of Government borrowing and

the money supply.

Mr Lawson yesterday strongly defended the Government's policy of controlling the money supply and the PSBR, and said that those who argued that the

economy if it chose were wrong. He held out the hope of cutting income tax still furtherevenually reaching a basic rate of 25p—and hinted at further sales of public sector assets in the near future. It now seem likely that the Government will try to cut income tax in the Budget, over and above the statutory requirement to raise tax thresholds in line with inflation. They will probably pay for this through a combination of tax increases on petrol, alcohol and tobacco, some asset sales, and possibly a new tax on gas. Mr Lawson also announced that the Bank of England has

now begun to receive figures. from British banks on their overseas activities. The bank said last summer that it wanted to institute new reporting procedures for banks, which enable it to monitor the lending of United Kingdom banks
overseas. This was part of the
push for more control over the
Euromarkets. The main object
is to keep a check on the socalled "country risk exposure" of British banks, in the wake of International fears that some banks, operating in the freedom of the Euromarkets, might become over-exposed in particular countries. Mr Lawson made it clear

his audience of the Euromar kets conference that the United Kingdom was not in favour of new international measures to control Euromarkets. These have been mooted as a result of instability on world financial markets in recent years. Americans have recently moved ures, and the Germans are also supporters.

However the enthusiasm died down after the dual shock of Iran and Afghanistan.-Business. Diary, page 19.

Hugh Stephenson, page 19

those pur two weeks ago, when the American group sought board approval for a full take-US profit-taking slows gold price

The gold price rocketed again during trading hours on London's budion markets yesterday, although dealers reported that activity was not quite as hectic as at the end of last week. By the end of the day, the price was brought down by profit taking from New York and dropped back to close at \$825 an ounce, \$10 down from

In New York it closed at 5819 an ounce, slightly higher than Friday's close of \$812 But gold reached a record of \$850 an ounce at the London afternoon fixing. This prompted a rise on the Chicago futures market where gold futures reached \$1,000 an ounce for the first time. Contracts for delithis month staved below very this month staved below \$850, and it was only those for next year which went above \$1,000.

As has become the pattern, currency markets remained fairly quiet yesterday. The

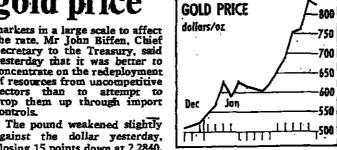
dollar was firm all day, and closed higher than on Friday against most currencies. It rose

by 0.2 points against a basket of currencies to 84.9 per cent of its end of 1971 value. Sterling was gaining ground against most currencies, continuing the trend of the last few weeks. The pound jumped 0.4 points against a basket of currencies, bringing it to its highest level since last summer

at 72.3 per cent of its value at the end of 1971. On this measure the pound is now more than 9 per cent above its low point in early November. It is now causing serious prob-lems for industry, but there is no sign that the Government intends to intervene in the

markets in a large scale to affect the rate. Mr John Biffen, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday that it was better to concentrate on the redeployment of resources from uncompetitive sectors than to attempt to prop them up through import

against the dollar yesterday, closing 15 points down at 2,2840. Speculative buying, prompted y the continued rise in gold, helped to take copper prices to their highest levels since May 1974 on the London Metal Exchange.



£99.50 on Friday afternoon's close, and three-month futures were £68 up at £1,295.50. At the afternoon close cash

Archange. wire bars were £121.50 up on the day at £1,318.50 and three-ession cash wire bars were at month futures were £85 up at session cash wire bars were at month fu £1,296.50 a tonne, a rise of £1,312.50.

Russian sorcerers may be turning lead into gold

Moscow finds the Midas touch

already in enough turmoil, a new bizarre twist was added yesterday after a report in The New York Times that the Russians had discovered how to turn lead into gold-and at an

have and that is an understand-ing of advanced nuclear physics.

of the lead atom contains 82 protons, only three more than the gold atom with 79. So all you need to do is knock out three of these lead protons and you will be left with gold.

You will also, of course, get enough radioactivity as a byproduct to wipe out everyone down to the court jester, but

American scientists think it does, to break up the lead atom in the way described and remove the radioactivity.

But the anonymous source of the report claims that the Russians can do it for \$600 an ounce, well below the current

Uncertainty on this point stems from the fact that the Russians lead the Americans in this particular branch of nuclear fusion technology and their particle accelerators—the machines which bombard the lead atom to break it up-are thought to be superior to those in the United States.

where scientists really are sceptical. Officials at the National Science Foundation estimate

For the moment there is no

way of checking. The report came to the West via a Russian scientist who emigrated to Israel. He claims to have worked on the project but, as his identity is being concealed for his protection, he could just as easily have made up the

Gold dealers with any time to comment yesterday were far more concerned with the fact that gold opened at yet another New York record of \$845 an ounce than with the possibility that some of the metal might be synthetic.

I did buy some lead this morning just in case", he said.

The 59,228 shareholders of BOC International have just been sent their copy of the 1979 Annual Report. If you would like a copy of this report, please complete the coupon below.

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economic price. Sorcerers and their apprentices have struggled to do this for hundreds of years without success, which perhaps accounts for the healthy scepticism which laced the report. But the Russians have one advantage which medieval alchemists did not

Scientists make the process sound quite simple. The nucleus

But it is one thing to make gold in the laboratory. It is quite another to build a plant capable of mass producing the precious metal, and this is

the cost of producing one gram in the way described as anything between \$1,000 and \$1m (£438 and £438,500). Given that there are 30 grams to the ounce, it would seem a poor investment even for an economy which does not have a profit

ounce, well below the current market price.

But one leader did demonstrate the quickness of mind

that makes the breed famous.

"I didn't believe the story, but

Anthony Hilton in New York

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Oil crisis threat to stability of EEC

The European Economic Community is threatened with "breakdown" because of the growing disparity in the rates of economic development in member states, according to an expert analysis released in Brussels by the European Commission.

Purpose of the report was to examine the changes in the industrial structure of Europe since the oil price crisis of

1973.
The differences in the ability of member states to adapt to changed circumstances means the balance of advantage for individual member states in continuing with the construction of Europe has now become so great as to threaten the EEC great as to the with collapse.

Certain consequences of the energy crisis have been com-mon to all member states: slower growth, declining invest-ment and rising unemployment. The report says that industry in Britain, with some excep-tions such as chemicals and data-processing, was declining even before the 1973 crisis, and this diminished its ability to adapt afterwards.

Mr Nott in Tokyo

Mr John Nott, the British Secretary for Trade, in Japan on a five-day visit, has said in Tokyo that British banking and insurance industries had found some barriers in their efforts to penetrate the Japanese mar-ket. Britain would like to see more Japanese investment and exchanges of technology to help reduce the bilateral trade imbalance now in Japan's

Gas prices rise

Canada will raise its export price for natural gas to \$4.47 (about £1.53) per million British thermal units from \$3.45, effective February 17. At the same time, in Amsterdam, Mr Frans Andriessen the Dutch finance minister said proposals would soon be made to increase revenue from gas exports.

IISI make more steel

Crude steel production among national Iron and Steel Institute rose by nearly 6 per cent last year to 486.96 million tonnes. The IISI member countries account for 98.2 per cent of world production outside the Soviet Union and North Korea.

Middle East oil talks

Dr Manaa Bib-Said al-Oteiba. the United Arab Emirates oil minister had a day of talks yes- a staff reduction of 91 as part terday in Riyadh with the of Saudi oil minister Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani on Dr Oteiba's call for an emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to consider problems arising grom the failure of consumer countries to use less oil.

Gas find near Vienna

Austria's state-owned oil company says it has found natural gas at a depth of just over 7,500 metres at Zistersdorf, about 35 kilometres north-east of Vienna.

China's deficit doubles

China's trade deficit doubled to around \$2,000m (about £885m) in 1979 from a 1978 deficit of about \$1,000m, the Japan External Trade Organi sation claims in a survey report

Austria tightens up Tougher monetary measures

in Austria will be unavoidable. Mr Hannes Androsch finance minister said.

Restrictive clauses examined for evidence of over-pricing

Competition test for shop leases Restrictive clauses written into shop leases are understood to be under pre-liminary investigation by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) in anticipation of new powers when the Competition Bill becomes

A case involving a shopping precinct in the north of England is already being looked into by the OFT. It seems likely that this is a peripheral case but has led the OFT into extending its inquiries else-

Restrictive clauses sometimes lay down categories of goods which the shop tenant should not offer for sale. Or it may be stipulated that classes of goods to be sold must be agreed by the landlord, the detail

being left to informal agreements.

In some shopping precincts, agreements stipulating the sale of certain products can be argued as ensuring a balanced "shopping mix". But there has been growing criticism that restrictive clauses can lead to distortion of competition by limiting choice of some types of shop and also allowing over-pricing.

Some sectors are said to be more

affected than others, particularly in gift-ware and fancy goods. This sector includes jewellers and other shops specializing in watches, glassware, silverware and sta-

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, is collecting evidence of leases where he believes higher rents have been charged because restrictive clauses have guaranteed individual traders either exclusivity or a degree of it.

Export aid

scheme gets

prove itself

small and medium-sized com-

panies to break into new mar-

The scheme, launched in

January 1978 for an experi-

mental two-year period, has been granted a temporary

reprieve to allow its usefulness

to be assessed. The British Overseas Trade Board, which administers the MEGS, said

vesterday it would announce its long-term position in March.

BOTB officials consider the

scheme to have been a worth-

while addition to its range of export services. By the end of

last year 172 applications for

financial support had been received and 44 agreements

Under the MEGS formula the

BOTB contributes 50 per cent towards eligible costs which

include overheads incurred overseas. In return applicants

pay a levy on sales receipts to

Any size of company can apply but there is a minimum contribution of £20,000 and a maximum of £100,000 over a

Although the future of the MEGS remains in doubt, the

BOTB said yesterday that appli-cations were still invited during the next few months.

The Government's overall

price rises for petrol and other In basic products, Finance Minis-light."

will demonstrate the more liberal economic policies of the two-month-old government of

Suleyman Demirel, the sources

With the measures, the

attracting foreign capital to cash aid, promise Turkey to meet its oil bill, and the sources added.

export promotion services face spending cuts of £653,000 and

nounced.

try sources said.

period of up to five years.

at least the end of March.

By Edward Townsend

time to



competition in shopping precincts.

He said: "Restrictive clauses have be-come a very big problem. A number of retailers are being caught out where landlords, some in London, have bought up whole blocks of property on a high street and insist in leases on knowing what is to be sold."

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, has pointed out dur-ing committee hearings on the Competi-tion Bill that the OFT might like to look at the way some local authorities allow municipal shops to be sole providers of some goods.

But she also said that there were difficulties in assessing practices in private shopping precinct developments. Precincts might be set up in response to public

demand on a housing estate, for instance. People were also free to shop elsewhere if goods in a precinct seemed too expensive or of it did not give a sufficiently wide choice. Closer scrutiny would be given for the final draft of the Bill, she said. The Government's Bill, due to reach report stage in the House of Commons. report stage in the House of Commons today, will allow Mr Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, to act on abuses of market dominance at the local

He would also be able to act where there is intent beforehand to distort competition, as might happen before a new shopping precinct actually opened.

A Labour Party attempt to amend the Bill to strengthen Mr Borrie's powers in this sector is expected to be made today. In earlier hearings on the Bill an unsuccessful attempt was made to cover anti-competitive practices that either wholly or partly involved the use of land.

That would bring commercial property arrangements within the scope of the legislation but would also for the first time allow the Director General to look at open air markets and car parks or caravan

In committee the Government has argued that accepting an amendment on the land provision would unjustifiably take the Director General into the complex area of the Rent Acts. It was argued that tenants were offered protection through other legislation.

Derek Harris

A 'remote cure' for computers

An important advance in the remote diagnosis" of computer systems has been implemented by Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) at its sales and service office at Basingstoke, Hampshire.

For users of the company's "super-mini" class of computer, DEC is now offering a computer-based system of remote diagnosis on a routine basis as an integral part of its The Market Entry Guarantee Scheme (MEGS), which helps kets and which could be a casualty of public spending cuts, is to be extended until

service support.

When something goes wrong with a computer, the first sign of a defect is often a garbled output or an apparent refusal to carry out a task according to the present program. By sitting at a terminal and trying out various routines, an engineer then goes through a process of elimination to track down the defective component in the system.

With the growing use of interconnected computers and terminals using data communications, it is clearly possible for a defect in a computer of for a defect in a computer at one location to be traced by an engineer sitting at a terminal. somewhere else, via a telephone connexion between the two

Equally, the engineer's process of elimination can be automated so that preprogrammed diagnostic routine can be used. In other words, one computer can be used to diagnose what is wrong with another.

These are the principles of what is known as remote diag-nosis. DEC's latest innovation in this field is to introduce the automated version of this technique into the initial telephone conversation by which a customer normally calls for service assistance—and, indeed, into the procedures for routine preventative maintenance.

In turn, the IMF "green

light should encourage
Western banks, governments

cash aid, promised last year,

been ready for several weeks,

but did not say why its announcement had been

But Western diplomats here

Turkey looks set for devaluation measures

Ankara, Jan 21.—Turkey will release pledged credits to bad held up publication of the months to scrap the two-tier

Introducing DEC's computeriosis ceutre Darryl Barbe, general manager computer-to-computer check of the corporation's UK subsidiary, Digital Equipment solved. It is believed that the export intelligence service and the export marketing research ser-

announce a package of econo- Turkey, which the IMF has held

mic measures within the next up apparently because of the few days, including a devaluation of the lira and consumer mic uncertainty.

The package is simed at and institutions to hand over

government expects the Inter-national Monetary Fund to politicians by military chiefs

delayed.

Technology News

Company, said: "To our knowledge, this is the first computerized remote diagnos-tic service of this type in the industry, in that it computer-controlled from central system, operates even when the customer's processor is down, and is a primary maintenance method, not merely a support too."

To be precise, the overall service is computer-aided rather than computer-controlled, since the engineer who answers the customer's telephone call for help does an amount of initial diagnosis himself on the basis of the information he is given. This is expressed in the sequence of diagnostic programmes to be used, with the areas judged to be the most likely source of the defect being tackled first.

The customer's call is made via the Post Office's "Free fone" service to the remote fone" service to the remote diagnosis centre. After the preliminary identification for-malities, the "diagnostic host" computer at the centre autodials the customer's computer and takes it through the diagnostic tests.

After the system has traced the source of the fault, the diagnostic engineer at Basing-stoke telephones the branch office which services the par-ticular customer installation and gives details of the fault and the recommended replacement items needed. After the field service engineer from the branch

the DEC organization he can call up the host Basingstoke last week, Mr computer again for a further tomers are using the system in

Bankers, meanwhile, said the

package is expected to abolish

the dollar, established by the

tural exports, where the rate is 35 lira to the dollar.

both the Ecevit government and that of Demirel for several

The IMF had been pushing

Main advantages offered by the new system are a faster and more accurate diagnosis of the trouble; and a more efficient engineering response. The field service engineers go out to the scene of the fault with a much more complete knowledge of what is involved and what is required.

The same advantages apply to routine preventive maintenance, as distinct from trouble-shooting when things go wrong. A computer-controlled diagnostic check can be run remotely on a system the night before an engineer is due to call, so that he knows what to expect when he makes the visit.

At present remote diagnosis is available or is being intro-duced on the larger versions of DEC's PDP-11 computers. In a typical session the two computers might be connected from a minimum of 15 minutes to a maximum of two or three hours.

For the future, the company intends to incorporate remote diagnosis in all its large and medium-scale computers; and anticipates that about 10,000 of its customers will be using re-mote diagnosis in five years' time.

To speed up the actual pro-cess of diagnosis for such a large market, faster data translarge market, faster data transmission using the new public networks is likely to be adopted. And, to reduce the time during which the two computers are connected, software is being developed that will enable the host computer to telephone the faulty machine, tell it to do something and then tell it to do something and then to call back when that task is complete.

office has completed the DEC's first remote diagnosis repair (the faulty item is unit in Europe. A second is to simply replaced, for full repair be brought into use at Valuation the DEC organization home in the Court at Valuation bonne, in the South of France, in March. About 1.800 cus-

The bankers said the devalua-

tion would bring the exchange

was expected to be at least 20

to rise by at least 20 per cent,

The package would include moves aimed at bringing at least

100 billion lira into the treasury

by reducing state credits to the

loss-making nationalized indus-

tries, as well as by cutting state

Kenneth Owen

Clearing the air over cigarette advertising

From Mr P. R. J. Sinnott Metra's study was of the Sir, In yesterday's Business statistical association between Diary you ran a piece on Metra's report on cigarette

advertising and consumption. We should like to correct the impression, which some readers may have formed from this, regarding the DHSS's position. The suggestion in the article is that the Department was "galled" at the "attempt to gain official credence" for the report. The fact is that the Department agreed the word-ing of those parts of the report which mention them and they raised no objection to the report's publication. Neither did they raise objection to the press statement which included the comment about their being satisfied with the technical merit of the investigation. However, we should also make prior experience in this clear that at no time was it country and its result cannot clear that at no time was it implied by the Department or by ourselves that the Department's policy formulation in suggests or regard to cigarette advertising on sales. would necessarily reflect the findings of the report.

We should also like to clarify our comments on the probable effect of a complete ban on cigarette advertising. January 16

From the Director, the Con-tractors, Plant Association Sir, Mr Hopkins of Royal Wil-ton's carpeted me mildly in

your columns on January 14,

tion an industrial tribunal would have in an unfair dis-

missal case, arising from the provisions of the proposed Employment Bill and a new closed shop introduced without

a ballot or an 80 per cent

In considering the niceties

favourable vote.

cigarette advertising and cigarette consumption over the period 1958-1978, and no evidence was found for such an association (ie on normal statistical criteria). The period studied included some very substantial fluctuations in cigarette advertising (at one point the quarterly figure was roughly halved in 18 months). Of course, statistics deals in levels of probability or improbability rather than certainties, but it does seem most unlikely that, if fluctuations of up to 50 per cent in advertising cannot be seen to have had an effect on sales, a reduction to zero would have a statistically measurable effect. Strictly speaking, a complete ban is something of which there is no be predicted for certain, but

extrapolation from our results

suggests an insignificant effect

P. R. J. SINNOTT, Metra Consulting, St Mary's House, 42 Vicarage Crescent, London SW11 3LD.

German steel industry cost price of that material. It would seem more appropriate, however, to regard this as not quite-adequate compensation for September 1979 the subsidy was fixed et DM49.70 per tonne. Although substantial, it will be readily seen that this does not cover the difference in price a costly burden imposed on the industry by the government in preventing imports of cheaper

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

between German coking coal and that obtainable from non-

The difference between that

was paying DM122 per tonne of coking coal, a few per cent more than the world price. The cost of this exercise

to the German taxpayer was probably in excess of DM1,000m—about £257.1m at prevailing rates of exchange. It is of

nterest that the cash limit for

capital requirements imposed

on BSC for 1979-80 was £700m.

It could be argued that the German steel industry benefits

indirectly from the subsidy on coking coal in that it can buy

domestic coal at well below the

financial strength and this can clearly be seen by their contri-bution to the invisible earnings

in the monthly trade balance figures. For example, Bowring is among the United Kingdom's

top ten exporters with overseas

insurance premiums brought to

the Lloyd's and company insur-

If British financial institu-

tions such as clearing banks,

merchant banks, insurance com-panies and insurance brokers

cannot succeed in matching or

improving upon these American bids to keep Bowring and other

companies British owned, should they not be looking to similar financial institutions in Europe

so that they can forge a partner-ship to prevent this American control. And, if sufficient fin-

ancial support is found, why not

a counter-bid for American com-

The large premium income emanating from the United

States is very important to the

Lloyd's and insurance company market in London and from the

American point of view, London offers much needed additional

capacity and a competitive alternative to their own market.

Surely it is better for both sides

to continue a good business relationship which has stood the passage of time rather than

initiate takeover proceedings

because, at the present time, one side is not getting every-

thing it wants.

Yours faithfully,

panies now bidding?

ance market in London

Subsidies for coking coal in the

From Mr P. J. B. Steele

Sir, Reference has been made by the trade union side and its

supporters in the present steel industry dispute to subsidies on the coking coal used by the German steel industry, which it is implied in some way balance

the capital and other subsidies given to BSC by HM Govern-ment Your readers may care to be further informed on this

Alone among the EEC steel makers, those in Germany are formally prevented from importing coal—although it seems likely that successive Labour governments have applied heavy political pressure on RSC vo.

governments have applied neavy political pressure on BSC to this end. In September and October 1979, the mean price for acceptable grades of coal from the world market was DM177 per tonne while the prices listed by Ruhr Koble for conventions grades ranged from

prices listed by Kunr Konie for equivalent grades ranged from DM177 to 187 per tonne. To cushion rhe impact of this high extra cost on consumers the German coal industry receives

a subsidy enabling it to sell at

For the period January to

From Mr R. Ellson
Sir, The largest insurance
broker in the world, Marsh &
McLennan of New York, has
made an offer for the shares of
C. T. Bowring, one of the largest United Kingdom insurance

brokers. Bowring wish to keep

their independence and are

fighting the takeover but if the

Marsh & McLennan price for the shares is too good to refuse,

the British institutions and pen-

sion funds who own a sizeable proportion of the shares, will

probably sell.

The Lloyd's of London ruling which prevents outside insur-

ance interests from buying more than 20 per cent of the shares in any Lloyd's broker is prob-ably going to be lifted and if it is not, ways round this ruling have already been found. And

have already been found. And so another British company will

become American-owned. Mean-

while in the wings, other American brokers bide their time for

takeover bids of other British

broking houses who, in many cases, also own insurance com-

panies and Lloyd's syndicates. In the case of Bowring, they also own a merchant bank, a

finance house and a small fleet

It is not difficult to foresee

these insurance broking take-overs being followed by similar

takeovers of the larger British insurance companies by their

American counterparts. And once the brokers go with some of the Lloyd's syndicates, surely

it is only a matter of time before Lloyd's of London becomes American dominated. 27 Campden Grov

try is part of this country's January 18,

The British insurance indus.

27 Campden Grove.
London, W8.

of ships.

Takeover threat to the

UK insurance houses

much lower price.

the cheapest source. The sub-sidy reduced Ruhr Kohle prices to approximately DM127 per It could also be reasonably argued that if the German steel industry purchased coal in Australia like their Japanese rivals, this would push up the price of Australian coal on the price and the world price was bridged by the two parties, Rubr Koble and the steel industry who split the difference. Thus in effect in October 1979 the German steel industry price of Australian cost on the world market. This, however, ignores the likelihood that the German industry would invest in Australian coal mining if it became a substantial purchase thus, possibly, reducing prices. In short, it does not seem as though the argument that the coking coal subsidy given to the German coal industry is in some way equivalent to the very much greater capital subsidies given to BSC is particularly equivalent based. soundly based. P. J. B. STEELE, Manager, Market Research Division,

The Economist Intelligence Unit Ltd. 27 St James's Place, London, SW1A 1NT.

Meaningless and dangerous comparison from American brokers

From Mr B. G. Ball-Greene Sir, In his letter of January 10 concerning the steel industry, Mr E. H. Woolf refers to a "dramatic increase" in the added value per head between 1978 and 1979. This may well be true, but these figures alone are meaningless—and indeed are meaningless—and indeed dangerous—unless accompanied an indication of how much of the added value was taken by the employees themselves

between two companies in this group, both of which show

Added value per head Payroll cost 60.0 58.75

industrial relations record. performing well, and is able to offer an incentive scheme. based on added value, which

have had to be large-scale re ... dundanties. No further comment should be needed.

B. G. BALL GREENE. Chairman, Unicorn Industries Limited,

Mechanics of money-making

From Mr David Holbrook Sir, This Monday morning reflection might amuse your readers. I needed a new headlight bulb for our Japanese car. It was fitted in 25 minutes: but I had to buy the whole unit. The bill was £10.65. Of this £4 was for "labour". But believe the garage in quesrion does not pay its mechanics £9.6 per hour.

There was a time, surely, when a new headlight hulb could be put in for five bob? Stunned by this bill, I reflected on a letter I had received that morning, offering be an advance for a book, from an American publisher, of \$250. I would probably get only half that, less an agent's 15 per cent But supposing I received all of it, this would amount to a reward of just over a tenth of a penny for every hour spent writing the book. Or, to put it another way, if I was paid for this book at garage mechanics' rates, I would receive E9,360 (this is supposing it took roughly a year to write). Or, at the rate I was charged by my

garage, £22.464.
I shall in fact he lucky if the hook makes me £1,000. I commend these comparisons to the attention of the Arts Corn-cil. and the "literary world" īn geoera). DAVID HOLBROOK

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Alexanders inquiry costs urged forward by Mr Sainsbury are Powers for the Secretary of aimed at removing from the State for Trade to reimburse Competition Bill wide govern-

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Results for 1979



Subject to final audit, the balance of loss for the year after rebate and taxation and making transfers from Contingency and General Reserves amounted to 5250,000. (1978-The balance after a transfer from Contingency Reserve, amounted to a credit of £200,000).

After the transfer of £1,000,000 the General Reserve is £4,000,000 (1978-£5,000,000)

A final dividend of 11.501p per share (£562,000) on the £4,889,638 Issued Ordinary Capital is recommended. (1978—11.501p per share £559,000 on Capital £4,861,658). This makes a distribution for the year of £782,000 (1978—£778,000).

The balance of profit carried forward will be £421,000 (1978-£1,461,000).

The fall in MLR early in the year enabled some profit to be made. However the two increases in June and November resulted in heavy depreciation and trading losses. These losses have been met by a reduction in both published and inner reserves. However, in view of the cyclical nature of the Company's business and the large retentions of previous years the Board has decided to maintain the final dividend at last year's level.

The Balance Sheet total at the year end was £468m (1978—£480m). Our bill holding was little changed at £367m (1978-£351m) but the total of bills under rediscount was £520m -£179m). Sterling CDs holding was only £8m (1978-£88m); our increased holding of Dollar CDs at £22m (1978—£7m) is a consequence of recently opening a New York office. The holding of Gilts was £19m (1978—£5m). Local Authority securities, all of which were of the floating rate type, were £47m (1978—£21m).

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Refund of monopolies

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costs of individuals or companies cleared after investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission will be practices there should be the constant of normal and a during the remedy for anti-rompetitive practices there should be the urged today during the report stage of the Competition Bill. Fair Trading Act of 1973.

This amendment will be put This Act allows for orders to This amendment will be put forward by Mr Timothy Sains-bury, Conservative MP for Hove and chairman of the all-party committee representing retail

he move is supported by the Retail Consortium whose direc-tor, Mr Richard Weir, said last night: "It is not being suggested that the costs incurred —and they can be very con-siderable sometimes—should be paid automatically, but that there should be power to meet them where it seems appropri-

payments, it is argued, in the practice in local government planning inquiries where costs nay be awarded when someone has been put to unnecessory expense because a case should never have gone to inquiry. But the Consortium claims that anyone found by the Commission to be committing an uncompetitive practice should not also he asked to pay costs. That would be an unduly harsh burden to carry in addition to whatever may he ordered as a result of the inquiry, it is

gued. new distortions by regulating Other amendments being put prices or pricing policies."

use of powers set out in the regulate prices of goods or ser-

mission believes they are operating or could operate, against the public interest.

Such powers are wider than those which governed the work of the Price Commission. Under new proposals it would be pos-sible to order a reduction of prices, and there would be no time limit for controlling particular prices, unlike the 12 month maximum available under the Price Commission

vices when the Monopolies Com-

In considering the niceties of this somewhat secondary aspect of the major issue (referred to later), one must not lose sight of the difficulties—or of the obscurities, sometimes deliberately introduced—that often arise when seeking to establish what were the real grounds for a dismisslegislation.
Mr Weir is worried that such wide powers would bring great uncertainty into business planning. A dangerous situation could also be created if a more interventionist government came into power, he believes. The Consortium believes that the real grounds for a dismiss-al. This is even before one con-siders the actual track record of industrial tribunal judgif price control is necessary it should be accomplished either ments. Their consistency or otherwise in principle and their compatibility with other areas of the law. hy sevarate legislation or hy amendment to existing legisla-tion. Mr Weir said: "This Gov-ernment believes in the free I am not alone, I hope, in feeling uneasy at the parallel drawn by Mr Hopkins with the Theft Act 1968 and the implied strong disincentive to taking market economy and should accordingly aim to remove dis-tortions. It should not introduce

up the systematic theft of his neighbours' cars. He infers that if he were foolish enough to do this, then he knows and deserves the consequences; but these consequences arise from the general law of the land, enacted by proper consti-tutional means. Is his parallel really a sat-

Practical problem of Employment Bill

isfactory one to draw with the circumstances leading to a man's dismissal because two other parties have agreed to alter his rules of employment, by introducing a new closed shop on a less than 80 per cent favourable vote, or no vote at all? Moreover, many such dismissal cases would in practice be bought-off, or "threatened-off", before getting to an industrial tribunal.

dustrial tribunal.

The primary aspect of the major issue about which I first wrote, was and remains that the proposed Employment Bill not require a ballot and an 80 per cent vote in favour of those concerned before any new closed shops can be introduced. It is commonly believed, however, that the Employment Bill does require are perpetuating this myth by still continuing to imply that *

The real, practical problem The real, practical problem is how to amend the proposed Employment Bill and/or other legislation. so as to prevent new closed shops being introduced without both a secret ballot and an overwhelming vote in their favour by those affected. This can only be done either by an outrible legal proeither by an outright legal pro-hibition of so doing or of dismissals on such grounds or by adequately severe and painful disincentive penalties being imposed on those taking such

Recent events in the steel dispute are again showing that on effective solution to fair problem is increasingly urgent. We must not pretend either that the problem does not exist at that the current provisions or that the current provisions in the proposed Employment Bill will solve it.
Yours frithfully,
R. C. SANSOM, Director, The Contractor's

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in wages and salaries.

This can be well illustrated by the following comparison progressive increases in added-value per head: Company "A" Year 1 Year 2 Year 2

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can be advantageous to all interests involved.

Company "B" has a poor industrial relations record, improfits have declined and there

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England paper.

A little local difficulty

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Some relief for the discount houses

The gilt-edged market continued to run ahead strongly yesterday with gains in long dated stocks running to a further 11 points. Barring some major disaster today, that should ensure that both new gilt issues are well sought after tomorrow morning, with the market tending to favour the £25 paid long-dated stock as a potential "sell-out" despite the fact that prospective investors are almost certainly going to have to pitch their bids some way above the minimum tender price.

That is not to say that the short-dated stock looks unattractive against the market. There is some question bere, however, as to the availability of money for the stock from the banking sector not to mention the issue of the discount houses' confidence to over expose themselves to risk after the savaging they took at the end of last year.

Money considerations must presumably start to apply at the longer end of the market too at some stage. Certainly, inflows of new money to the long-term institutions have been strong recently, and many fund managers will be prepared to run down liquidity if they are now confident that the gilt edged market can go only one way this

In addition, the behaviour of sterling vesterday suggested that overseas money may be coming back into the ring. Even so, may be coming back into take a longer this market must be set to take a longer pause for breath before too long. If tomorrow's long stock goes on application, it would be no surprise to see a large fully paid issue.

Meanwhile, the recovery in the gilt market and the fall in period rates must have brought at least some relief to the discount houses, albeit that they may be treading gingerly. Some houses may have read their crystal balls rather better than others last autumn but the three-point rise in MLR in November must still have proved costly.

Certainly, Alexanders were making no bones yesterday abou the fact that MLR rose rather more sharply than they had been expecting and on this occasion their year end (December 31) could not have fallen at a more ill-timed moment in terms of the capital value of their book.

The net result is that there is an after-tax loss of £250,000 after a £1m transfer from general reserve and an unspecified transfer from inner reserves. With trading conditions better since the year end, and particularly active and profitable in the commercial bill market, the group has, however, maintained its dividend

The hope must be that this year will be significantly better on the back of falling interest rates. With something of a question mark over their future role in a reformed monetary system, the houses must have a strong desire to rebuild their reserves as quickly as possible. The uncertainty is reflected in Alexanders' yield of 10.9 per cent with the shares at 209p.

The Bowring bid

An offer on the table

Undismayed by the out and out rejection of the Bowring board, Marsh & McLennan has decided to go to shareholders on the same bid terms that it proposed to the British group a fortnight ago.

From this side of the Atlantic those terms look a shade less exciting than they did two weeks ago, thanks to further dollar weakness and some slippage in M & M's Wall Street rating. The cash and share offer now works out at slightly under 163p per Bowring share compared with over 168p

And with no suggestion of underwriting as yet for the share element of the Marsh bid both for the exchange factor and Wall Street thinking on the takeover could prove crucial over the next few weeks. New York analysts are generally sceptical about disputed takeovers in insurance broking and their views could put further downward pressure on the United States group's rating and thus the value of the Bowring

Although Bowring cannot count on many allies among United Kingdom shareholders, success for Marsh would begin to look extremely doubtful if the offer slipped

below 160p.

some 16 in all-Marsh declares that the bid would be dependant on Lloyd's approval. But it has clearly been given at least tacit approval to go along the same route as Frank B. Hall in its takeover of Leslie & Godwin, and divest itself of 75 per cent of the Lloyd's broking interests. That is of course unless Lloyd's rules on foreign ownership change as a result of the Fisher Report due in April.

Meanwhile, the Bowring board is clearly girding itself for a battle royal, while for its part, the market is concerning itself purely with price. The shares at 143p, unmoved by the Marsh announcement are still signalling doubts.

Dividends

To cut or not to cut?

After a year in which dividends will probably have risen by over 20 per cent largely thanks to the once-and-for-all payments that companies like BP, Shell and Unilever made once dividend controls came to an end, which bumped up payments for the third quarter of 1979 by 40 per centthe question for companies now is what they do about their dividend payments henceforth. Profits are certainly going to be less buoyant this year, and in some industries—engineering, textiles, specialist chemicals—they can be expected to fall, even under historic cost accounting.

Apply current cost accounting insteadas most large companies are likely to have to do for accounting periods beginning in 1980—and the profits of a fair number of quoted companies are going to disappear altogether.

As to what they should do about their dividends under these circumstances. opinions are sharply divided. First there are the shareholders who want to see dividends rise regardless, or, at the very worst, stand still. They argue that this sort of cyclical fluctuation in profit is essentially shortterm, and that there is no reason why their own cash flow should be similarly affected.

It is an argument which tends to be loud in the land when profits are on the way down, and conspicuous by its absence when they are on the way up. Nevertheless, it is not entirely without merit. It assumes a relationship between a company and its shareholders similar to that which applies Germany: the company looks after the interests of its shareholders through thick and thin; and the shareholders responded by supporting the company likewise.

As it is, few companies in Britain could contemplate giving such a guarantee, even shareholders were prepared to make a reciprocal commitment: in most cases their real (inflation adjusted) return on capital is too low to give such hostages to fortune. Given an acceptance in principle that dividends will fluctuate, the purists would then have them cut out altogether unless the company is making a real return on capital sufficient to cover them.

The argument here is simple enough: if the company pays dividends which have not been generated out of profits, it is effectively eating into its own assets: and though shareholders may not notice the results immediately, they will be reflected sooner their shares.

The third strand of argument, developed most recently by de Zoete & Bevan, holds that inflation makes it difficult for a company to obtain a real return on assets, partly because those assets themselves are rising in value: and that it is legitimate for company to distribute to shareholders, some of the benefits of that increase in value. The problem here, however, is that in the last analysis those assets are worth what they will earn, or what someone else will pay for them; and judging in the meantime how much can safely be distributed makes management's task worse than ever. In the meantime, the probability is that dividends will rise by a great deal less this year-Phillips & Drew suggest by an average 5 per cent, with average cover of somewhere between one and 11 times on an inflation adjusted basis. The implication is that the payout is going to decline (once again) in real terms. So much for equities

Hugh Stephenson

If one were to talk of a major difin technique we may find from time to time, we can and will achieve our ference of opinion between the Treasury and the Bank of England on In short the impression is given that the subject of control of the monetary the Bank of England's concern is with

the rechniques of monetary control and

gaging in the sort of sensationalism measurement; while Treasury minis-ters at least are much more concerned that gives the media a bad name. So about the application of monetary shall avoid that pitfall and confine policy and regard the techniques as myself to the observations that the something best relegated to a technical Bank of England's first draft of the arnendix in the consultative document. long awaited consultative document on In the realm of policy the central problem never changes. It is that you monetary control was received with less than total enthusiasm when it cannot at one and the same time conreached the Treasury last month; that trol the volume of money and its price. the Treasury is said to be working on The logic of everything the Governa re-draft of its own; that Mrs
Thatcher cannot understand why it is
all taking such a long time; and that ment says about its monetary policy implies that the price (ie, the interest rate level) is the independent variable. the consultative document, when it goes now, will be a joint Treasury Bank of The problem always, however, is that in practice authorities in the market-

A key to the nature of the differences to accept that they should not have a can be gleaned from a phrase used by Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary target for the rate of interest.

The second area of strain between to the Treasury, in his City dinner speech last Friday. At the end of his remarks about the Government's determination, having willed the ends of the Bank and the Treasury relates to the marketing of the Government's debt. Looked at from the Bank the present situation is strangely like the period in anti-inflation not to shrink from the means, he said "and through them, Labour ministers were taking the line that technical market incompetence with whatever marginal improvements

place can never quite bring themselves

of interest rates. Now Treasury officials and Conservative ministers seem to be making much the same noises.

The Bank, if precedent is anything to go by, will be dusting down the same basic answers. It doubts deep down whether changes in the technique for marketing debt will make any significant improvement. It points to the fact that in the end it manages to handle a huge volume of debt, new and old, cach year. It is willing to try experiments, like a limited tender system, if only to keep critics satisfied and to show that they do little to alter basic realities. And it argues that the real problem is the size and nature of the Government's borrowing requirement and that nothing will come right until that is reduced.

All of which is true, so far as it goes. But it ignores one inescapable fact, namely that the primary market for government debt is not functioning properly. Whenever one points this out much huffing and puffing ensues. But the first test of an efficiently functioning capital marker is that it should pro-vide continuous dealing at prices which do not move excessively between one transaction and the next.

In contrast to this test of technical

market efficiency, the primary gilt market has regularly ceased to function at all: prices have not adjusted by gradual steps; and, at times, a minor change in price has made the difference between the Government broker being unable to do business for weeks on end and his being overwhelmed by buyers. Certainly the size of the Government's borrowing makes all this worse, but it does not create the fundamental prob-

the end, of course, the market absorbs all the new debt that the Government wants to raise in the year, which makes the roller-coaster of sales and interest rates in the intervening months all the more undesirable. The situation arises because it is a very curious market, dominated by just one large seller (the Government) and a number of institutional buyers, all of whom tend to do the same thing at the

same time.

Given this curious market; it is pointless to blame one side or the other for what happens. It were better if the authorities and the institutions approached with a more positive and open mind than they have in the past proposals as to how the roller-coaster path of gilt sales during the year could be smoothed. That would be more than a marginal improvement in technique.

Fred Singleton describes the political tensions and economic weaknesses which could cause problems after President Tito's death

How vulnerable is Yugoslavia?

The news of President Tito serious illness came at a time and West were at their lowest ebb for many years. Inevitably, the consequences of his death both for Yugoslavia and for world peace are seen in the world peace are seen in the context of big power tensions. President Carter has forgotten his policy statement of 1976, which said that the United States would not intervene to help Yugoslavia in the event of a Soviet attack, and he has now joined the chorus of "hands off Yugoslavia", which is being sung by a variety of political leaders from Mrs Thatcher on the right to Mr Enver Hoxha, the Albanian leader, on the left.

The foreign ministers of the European Economic Community, meeting a few days after the news of Tito's illness, have also changed their tune and instructed their negotiators to reach a rapid agreement on the terms of the EEC's rela-tions with Yugoslavia. These negotiaions have been dragging on for more than two years—so long in fact that the fiveyear agreement reached 1973 has had to be indefinitely extended until new terms can

Yugoslavia's economy pends heavily on trade with western Europe and the combined effects of the oil crisis world economic recession and **EEC** protectionism have serious repercussions in Yugo-

The Yugoslavs have been struggling to maintain the momentum of their industrialization drive in spite of the unfavourable world climate. This has involved them in a huge trade deficit with the developed world, and especially the EEC, which supplies them with capital goods, modern technology and even some of the raw materials needed to feed their growing industries Unfortunately, the EEC will not take sufficient Yugoslav exports to meet the cost of these imports. Last year exports to the EEC paid for only 35 per cent of imports. Though Yugoslavs have from

time to time hinted during the negotiations that, if the West will not help them, they will be forced to look either to their partners in Comecon (Yugoslavia has a form of association which falls short of full membership) or to the third world, this is not a reasonable option. Comecon countries already take more than 40 per cent of



President Tito sitting alone: he has no clear successor and there are fears that Yugoslavia's unity

partly covered by invisibles such as income from tourism, workers in West Europe and from transport earnings.

On only three occasions since economic reforms of 1965 (which opened up the economy to international competition) Yugoslavia's balance of payments been in the black. In the past few years it has been over \$1,000m in deficit.
In order to cover this Yugoslavia has borrowed heavily, her loan repayments last year amounting to \$1,800m. September many of the creditors assembled in Belgrade for the International Monetary Fund/World Bank annual meeting and the Yugoslavs took the opportunity to negotiate a rescheduling of their debt, in order to lessen the immediate burden.

The Yugoslav authorities have been making desperate efforts to stabilize the sconomy, while at the same time maintain ing an industrial growth rate of about 8 per cent. Their problems include ones which are old acquaintances of the British, such as inflation, now 30 per cent, unemployment, now 800,000 or 15 per cent of the public sector work force; and low productivity.

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There are some special Yugoslavia with the industrial goods now imported from the West.

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There are some special Yugoslav features. These ininclude a cumbersome machinity of the public sector work force; and low productivity.

the decentralized system of have in the past threatened self-management. This may be national unity. One of the most serious democratic, but does not make for economic consistency and causes of weakness arises from the gap in living standards the industrially

vention of the state, as with last year's stabilization prodeveloped northern republics, ne, which affected prices which once belonged to Austria Hungary, and those of the south, which were under Turkish rule for 500 years. and included curbs on investment and control of imports. According According to Yugoslav theory, the state should take a back seat and allow decision There are still large cultural differences between the peoples the economy to be taken of the federation and these economic inequalities can give through self-management agreerise to tensions which threaten the unity of and social compacts "organizations of assomous ciated labour" under the gentle persuasion of various sociopolitical bodies, including the League of Communists. The late Mr Edvard Kardelj, one of

example, the gap between the per capita income of the Albanian-speaking, mainly Muslim, peoples of the province of Kosovo and the Roman Catholic Tito's closest associates for 40 Slovenes at the top end of the vears. believed that selfscale is now one to six. In 1947 it was one to three. management would transcend

It was a constant theme of

President Tiro's speeches on his journeys round Yugoslavia during recent years that the preservation of the brotherhood and unity of the Yugoslav people must include a levelling up of those living in the poorest

The haste with which the EEC ministers agreed to break the log jam which had held up the agreement with Yugoslavia agreement with Yugoslavia suggests that they at last realize that the threat to Yugoslav integrity may not come from Soviet military intervention, but from internal tensions made worse by severe economic problems. I have no doubt that concessions will be made to allow more Yugoslav goods to enter the EEC and that there will be more loans and the encouragement of joint EEC-

Yugoslav enterprises.
Unless this happens, a worsening of economic conditions in the aftermath of Tito's death will provide opportunities for outsiders to fish in troubled waters. Mr Brezhnev does not like Tito's non-aligned policy and would no doubt hope for a pro-Soviet regime which would attach Yugoslavia to the eastern block. There are emigre nationalists in the West especially the Croats—who would like to see federal Yugoslavia disintegrate.

The Bulgarians also have claims on Yugoslav Macedonia which have been encouraged from time to time by the Soviet Union.

There are plenty of centrifugal forces to be contained, but there are also reasons for optimism. Yugoslavs usually sink their differences in the face of outside threats. Tito has since 1970 prepared his successors for the problems which he will leave behind.

There is reason the world's leaders are now ountry.

To take the most extreme realizing that a strong, prosperxample, the gap between the ous, non-aligned Yugoslavia provides a better basis for European peace than a weak, divided country dominated by one or other of the major powers. The author is Reader in Yugo-

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Among a welter of conditional clauses— as a hedge against inflation. Business Diary: An immovable feast? • Brighton hopes

Canterbury next to the date, March 25.

Better to be preached at by a priest than a politician? Better not to have to make the choice at all.

Those who plump for Canterbury will see the enthronement of Dr Robert Runcie as the new Archbishoo of Canterbury. The rest will exchange a state of Frace for a graceless state in the Commons to hear the Chan-

Judging by the early indica-tions of what the Chancellor has in store for us, it seems lear that the presence of God would be appreciated at both occasions. What remains unclear is why

this sad clash, with its atten-iant dilemmas for our parlianentarians, not to say our lewspaper schedules, should have arisen in the first place. The date of the enthronement could not be changed. It was innounced some mouths ago or the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury So why not, one asks, change

he date of the Budger? The Minister wants an unnouncement before Easter, which precludes any other veek than that of the 25th. Why not then have a Budget in the Monday or the Thursiay, the other favourite day, with Tuesday, for major covernment announcements?

A Tuesday Budget, the reasury told me, is "a de facto ule which has been observed n practically all occasions xcept for 1963 and a few years refore, when the announcement microwave oven is in operation ame on a Wednesday, though on these premises".

It is a hard decision for those whose diaries have the double entry of Westminster and day Budget on the grounds that the Cabinet meeting which always precedes it would then have to take place on the pre-vious Priday because ministers would be unwilling to meet over

Utterly trustworthy as minis-ters are, no one wants them walking around with such a mass of secret details in their heads for a couple of days. There is also the question of telling the Monarch, whose weekend would presumably be disturbed by a Monday Rudger. As head of the presumably be disturbed by a Monday Budget. As head of the church she might have welcomed the opportunity in this case, but we will let that pass. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are out because they would extend the debate following the Rudget into the next ing the Budget into the next week Yes, the Treasury does realize that even with the usual Tuesday Budget the debate inevitably carries over into the following Monday, but it is a trend which it does not wish to

encourage.
So Tuesday it is to be and the ceremony at Canterbury must take place without its full quota of politicians, whose presence, though not mandatory, is custo-mary, especially in the case of those who are members of the Church Commissioners.

The traditions of the Church, ir seems, must give way before the traditions of the Treasury.

A hazard of the electronic age facing Florida storekeepers, with their large number of retired patrons, is underlined by a sign at the entrance to a Key West grocer: "Pacemaker wearers are warned that a

● The Independent Broadcasting Authority will have a new deputy chairman on February 1 in the shape of Lord Thomson of Monifieth, the former Com-monwealth Secretary (when be was the MP, George Thomson), EEC Commissioner and political correspondent of the London Evening News. And Lord Thomson has retained one diary date from

his previous appointment as chairman of the Advertising On April 29 he will lead a workshop at the Advertising Association conference at Brighton on the sticky problem of how to deal with the advertis-

ing world's grey areas, notably drink and tobacco. The IBA, of course, though it has a reputation for a tough line on what it regards as damaging advertising, relies on the adver-tising world for its income and this adds extra piquancy to what should prove a stimulating

outing for the ad men. Lord Thomson's role, interesting, may prove of secondary significance. John Nott, the Secretary of State for Trade, is to open the conference and the advertising people hope that he will use this opportunity to say a few words about the Government's attitude towards the

Ad men usually feel unloved and during the lest Govern-ment's stint, with Roy Hattersley stepping on their toes at regular intervals, they had rea-

The new Government, however, has proved less than forthcoming about its feelings and there will be many anxious figures in the Brighton Centre hoping that Nott well welcome them back into the fold.



Lord Thomson of Monifieth.

Between the two of them, Nott and Lord Thomson could do more to raise the advertising industry's spirits than a host of new accounts. One can only hope that no one will be disappointed.

Lord Thomson's brief sojourn in Brighton should provide a pleasant break from the IBA's increasingly fraught headquarters opposite Harrods in Knightsbridge.

In the next 12 months the authority has to consider and judge all the applications for commercial television company franchises which will be advernised later this week and cover the groundwork for the creation of the new Fourth Channel. The IBA workload may have doubled but the number of staff has not.

Television executives expect the overworked IBA to go largely for a policy of non-change as far as the present

companies are concerned, except for the creation of a breakfast-time news channel,

 It has taken ten years but the world of trade magazines has finally won a decent-sounding The next issue of the Depart

ment of Industry weekly will be called British Business, a distinct improvement on Trade and Industry, which was itself a good deal better as a title than the original Board of Trade laws. Trade Journal.

Managing editor Alan Williams said that the change re-flected the magazine's development over the years and its documentation of government activities and statistics has certainly wou is a healthy reader-The circulation is 14,000, the

readership is estimated at 50,000 and, unusually for government publications, it pays for

People go to Reno and Las

Vegas for the gambling tables not the drink, a point which has not been lost on the United States Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Some time ago they swooped on one of the most expensive of Nevada's casino hotels, the MGM Grand in Reno which they found had been refilling bottles of spirits with cheaper drink and reclaiming the contents of half-drunk glasses. The MGM Grand has decided to settle matters with the Treasury out of court for \$125,000, the largest settlement ever in such

the national tensions which The United Nations newest autonomous agency has entered its third year of operation and is beginning to find its feet. The International Fund for Agricultural Development Agricultural Development (IFAD) was conceived in the wake of the 1974 World Food to feed Conference which identified the need for a special United Nations agency devoted entirely themselves to funding food production in the poorest regions of develop-

ing countries.
As the conference noted at the time, it was these countries which often failed to match population growth with increases in agricultural output, requiring them to import expensive foodstuffs, mainly from the western world.

The situation was bad enough in 1974; it is worse now. As the fund's president, Abdelmuhsin al Sudeary, from Saudi Arabia said in his address to the fund's governing council in Rome last week food production per capita in developing countries has grown by only 0.6 per cent in the years from 1970 to 1978 (the same as in the sixties) and in Africa it has actually fallen

by 1.2 per cent.
In 1977/78 developing countries had to import 70 million tons of grain to feed their people, compared with 30 million tons in 1969,71 and this cereals deficit is expected to rise to 91 million tons by 1990 But the fund is making a start and in a novel manner. In 1974 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries were just beginning to understand the extent of the political and economic power resulting from their oil price increases in the previous year. The World Food Conference wanted their cash. They were determined not to give it away

for nothing.
The oil producers demanded a fundamental restructuring of income distribution. the traditional United Nations agency set-up if they were to part with their money in the way expected.

members lobbied for a tripartite system. Executive authority would be vested in a 24-man council made up of eight members each from industrialized, oil producing and developing countries.

Wrangling over some of the

Helping the world's poor

Andrew Lycett

raised its initial three-year raised its initial three-year tranche of \$1,000m (57 per cent contributed by industrialized countries and 41 per cent by Opec) and opened its doors in temporary headquarters in the capital of world food diplomacy, Rome.

Its first year was quiet enough. It promised \$120m in very favourable loans for projects in ten developing countries. Then in 1979 it raised its commitments to \$380m spread over 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. This year it has to get rid of its remaining \$500m or so before the undoubtedly heated topic of replenishment comes up at its next governing council meeting.

This has involved a rapid and somewhat unsettling turn-over of projects for an infant organization. The fund has had to be very clear about its objec-tives. It sees itself as a catalyst, ensuring that rural development projects, necessarily conceived in cooperation with other agencies, do not lack important financial inputs. It has looked particularly for schemes which not only

increase food production, but improve employment opportunities, nurition and There have been no lack of

applicants for its cash, but many requests for help have been made in a vague, hap-Sensing perhaps a means of hazard manner, without any enhancing their prestige among evident understanding of the third world countries, the Opec strictness of United Nations lending criteria. The fund has been forced to go out to certain countries to help them to prepare projects
Forty-five project identifica-

tion and preparation missions went out last year and so eager were some countries for a share David Hewson

finer details held up mauguration of the fund, but eventually, in December, 1977, IFAD
was demanding stipulations

about the eventual beneficiaries of its aid. of its aid. Aware of the tendency of most development assistance to go to urban dwellers or, if it reaches the countryside, only richer farmers, the fund has prevailed on the Pakistan Government for example of the country of ment, for example, to agree that its Small Farmers Credit Project (to which IFAD has contributed \$30m) should benefit only farmers with fewer than 25 hectures.

In Nicaragua a \$10m loan will go to help those with less than 10 hectares of land, and a further \$500,000 is earmarked for local institutions to ensure that the larger sum gets to its rightful destination.

Bur the typical IFAD project is an integrated rural development scheme such as its \$12.45m loan to Sierra Leone, where 6.000 farm families will benefit from better from better agricultural prac-tices and facilities, including credit and marketing networks, and a further 25,000 people from associated improvements. Not everyone has been pleased about IFAD's progress. Some industrialized countries. believe it is too eager to rid itself of its funds. Cooperating agencies such as the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organisation, have sometimes seen it more as a competitor than an ally in the hunt for suitable development projects. There is doubt now about the

oil producers' continued strong commitment after last week's decision to reconstitute the \$1,500m. Opec Special Fund (through which oil-producing countries channel their aid for IFAD) as a project implementing agency in its own right.

Recipient nations have no complaints, however, and praise has come from nations as divergent as Britain, which offered IFAD an avuncular pat on the head at last week's governing council, and China, which chose the occasion to make its first application to join and contribute towards an

international financial agency. Many other countries supported the idea of replenishment at the end of 1980, without committing themselves to any figures. The fund itself has estimated its requirements for the next three years at \$1.500m to \$2,000m.

It deserves another chance to show its worth. But is there still the worldwide political will to raise food production that there was in 1974?

'No concert party' Stock markets at St Piran

By Michael Prest

Mr Malcolm Stone, recently appointed chairman of the con-troversial St Piran mining and property group, yesterday refuted suggestions made in a Takeover Panel submission that his company is controlled by a "concert party" headed by the Far East financier, Mr J. J.

At the same time, Mr Stone outlined his plans for meeting consistent criticism by share-holders of a number of investments and deals in Australia, South East Asia and Hongkong. Mr Stone said he did not expect that St Piran's next report would contain any contain any ≫ould auditors' qualifications.

Fairmont State, a Thai company, will repay loans to St Piran and to Siam Vidhya, another Thai company. It will also repatriate profits owing to St Piran and pay management fees to St Piran Hongkong— wholly owned by St Piran. Fairmont will raise capital to develop its activities, leaving St Piran with 43 per cent.

Similar action is to be taken in St Piran's two other most contentious areas, Australia and Hongkong. All interests in Australia will be liquidated, Mr Stone admitting that the com- hands of overseas nominees pany's attempt to buy control directed by Mr Raper.

Metals Exploration through Mid-East Minerals and Daymir Investments, both Australian companies, had been a missake.

St Piran is in addition to abandon property development in Hongkong, leaving Sr Pirau Hongkong as the holding com-pany for the Far Eastern interests. Among these is tin dredging in Malaysia, which Mr Stone intends to expand.

But Mr Stone admitted that the current Department of Trade enquiry into the group had damaged its business. Bankers had demanded colla-teral for loans, which had been provided, and the pressures to which the board had been subiected bad resulted in several resignations. Nevertheless, Mo Stone intends to stay and has asked his board not to resign. He sees no conflict between being chairman of St Piran and managing director of Gasco Investments, a Hongkong company that holds 29.6 per cent of St Piran. Gasco, whose chairman and majority shareholder is Mr Raper, is at the centre of shareholder allegations that in concert with Ruffec, a Luxem-bourg company, and Aerolinas

Cordoba, a Panama company,

direction of St Piran is in the

Bold start but some profit taking evident by close Press comment and specularive buying provided firm spots in Metalrax 7p stronger at 56p,

Undeterred by cautious week-end comment both gift edged ordinary shares went ahead yesterday, simply carrying on where they left off last week. But second thoughts, at least in equities, gained the upper hand towards the close as some buyers took their profits.

Gilt edged were spurred by hopes of lower interest rates and many dealers are taking seriously ministerial protestations about cutting Government spending by a further £2,000m and of increasing revenue from duties and taxes. They therefore look forward to a reduction in the flood of gilt edged stocks, depressing prices and siphoning off money that would otherwise have gone into shares.

Operators have also remem-bered that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, is bent on a Budget (March 25) that will do something for investors, possibly by mitigating capital transfer tax, as well as gains tax and stamp duty, though the last is a good revenue earner. So few people are selling.

Apart from an investors budget operators were also going for an early steel peace. However there was again no concrete sign of one and confidence ebbed as the day wore on.

Gilts rose by up to £2 but best gains were not held while

short dated stocks climbed by up to £1 before conceding half their gains. Observers predict a warm welcome for the two buying was experienced in new tap stocks next Wednesday, if the present mood of confidence persists.

The long dated tap in par-ticular will have more than three weeks to run in £25 paid

Pleasurama jumped 22p to 178p. It is understood that Mr Eddie Thomas, managing director, died in hospital on Saturday. Operators moved in sniffing a bid as his shares came on to the market. Grand Met has 30 per cent. However it is thought that he was not a big shareholder.

form and could attract a good speculative following. Shares started cautiously and at the 10 am calculation the FT index was 3.0 down at 456.8. At 3 pm it was, however, 3.0 up at 461.3 but many leaders boiled over and at the close the FT index was down 2.1 at 457.7. Leading industrials encountered some buying after a slow start but this had fizzled out by lunch time and most showed net falls on the day at the close. ICI at 379p and BAT at 268p were both 2p off while a slide of 4p to 472p was experienced by Unilever. Hawker Siddeley

Fisons, an active stock of late, rising 2p to 289p, after 295p, making dealers now think twice about the talk of a possible takeover from the German giant BASF.

The Decca twins improved 5p

better in the ordinary at 350p and 4p firmer in the "A" at and 4p firmer in the "A" at 309p prompted further by Friday's announcements of its interim figures, the sale of its PolyGram subsidiary and the expected talks with Racal, unchanged at 204p. The market now believes that the terms should arrive some time this

Caiedonian Ass C (I) 3.8(3.6) Cray Electronics (I) 5.8(5.2) Dewhurst & Ptur (F) 3.9(4.2) Gt Nrthn Invest — (—)

Mercantile House (I) 9.4(7.5)
Palmerston Invest — (—)
Utd Guarantee (F) 6.0(4.1)
W'hampton L'dry (I) 0.39(0.34)

Meggit Hidgs (F)

Pentos

increases

stake in

week but they might still be some way below most expecta-tions. GEC which has been tipped to make a counter bid for Decca firmed 1p to 359p. Elsewhere in electricals Electrocomponents continued to make headway in a thin market rising 2p to 475p but Muirhead remained nervous ahead of this ek's figures sliding 8p to

228n. At the same time, shares of Cray Electronics were suspended at 35p prior to the re-lease of a "disappointing" set of interim figures and the announcement that an unamed suitor was making a bid for the 70 per cent held by Capital for Industry.

Latest results

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3.9(2.8)

Profits £m

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were also suspended at 56p following an approach from a "United Kingdom-based com-pany" and follows takeover at-tempt by H. & R. Johnson-Richard Tiles. Pleasurams leapt 22p to 178p as speculation mounted following the death of Adverse comment provided

upsets for Saga Holidays down 8p at 197p, Herizon Travel 4p off at 226p and 5p from Kennedy Smale at 73p. Talk of an inquiry into share dealings in Howard & Wyndham knocked 1ip from the shares to 7ip and the board changes and profits setback clipped 4p from Kitchen Queen 4p off at 23p.

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0.26(0.2)

shortly.

De La Rue continue to go on-ward and upward. The shares rose a further 5p to 610p. At one time last year they were 320p. The obvious attraction is banknote printing but the development of a new computer controlled printing system controlled printing system called Lasergravure is part of Crosfield Electronics which could, some say, earn half group profits in a few years.

Valor 21p to 66p, and Asso

ciated Newspapers 4p to 294p.

Alexanders Discount rose 2p to 209p after satisfactory figures for the full year and Great

improved 2p to 102p, in ar

otherwise firm sector, after an extra dividend payment.

Northern Investment

Among companies reporting

Equity turnover on January 18, was £181.566m (20,096 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Tele graph, were R.T., Tricentrol, Premier Cons, Loubro, Barclays, ICI, Beecham, Loubro, Barclays, National Westminster, P & 0 koperial Continental Gas, Fisons, Great Universal Stores and Johnson Matthey.

Creditors oppose winding-up of Gilmore

A group of creditors with claims totalling almost £833.000 against Gilmore and Partners (Smithfield), the meat firm which collapsed in December, are challenging a petition to wind up the company compulthe High Court heard vesterday.

Mr Justice Dillon adjourned the petition for two weeks to allow the opposing creditors to put in evidence.

Mr Eben Hamilton, counsel for the petitioners, Trans Oceanic Meat Company—trade creditors for £11,000, said that Gilmore and Partners had been placed in creditors' voluntary winding-up after the presentation of the petition on Decem-

But Trans Oceanic, and two supporting creditors with debts totalling £629,000, were "not that the voluntary

winding-up should continue.

Miss Mary Arden, who appeared for five opposing creditors with claims totalling 1651,000, said that three others had written to her instructing solicitors saying wished to oppose. they

Business appointments

Mr A. C. Chipperfield has been

appointed managing director of Redifon Telecommunications. He has been deputy managing direc-tor since July 1979.

Mr P. A. Brooks is now com-pany secretary of TSB Trust Co. Mr J. M. Macharg has been elected chairman of the Associa-ted Scottish Life Offices and Mr J. M. Souness has become deputy

Mr R. G. Rutty has been ap-pointed by Winchester Bowring

Mystery bidder stalking Cray

A mystery United Kingdom company is stalking precision engineer and specialist pump maker Cray Electronics.

The Kent-based group called a halt to share dealings yesterday lunchrime at 35p as majority shareholder, interna-tional finance group Grindlays Holdings, announced that discussions had reached an ad-

The predator, which Grind-lays says wishes to remain nameless, wants to buy the group's industrial holding com-pany, Capital for Industry, a five-subsidiary electrical and mechanical engineering confive-subsidiary electrical and cussion. It is not a contest I mechanical engineering concern employing 1,700 people of agreed a figure yet, and I can-Dividends up 40 pc in quarter

third quarter of 1979 were 40

per cent higher than those in

the preceding quarter, accord-

ing to the latest appropriation account on industrial and com-

mercial companies from the Central Statistical Office. The

increase followed the removal of dividend controls at the be-

Guaranty Ltd.
Mr Michael Cady Byford has

been appointed a director of Corn Exchange. Mr M. A. Pizzey, Mr E. L. Wax,

Mr P. Barnes and Mr C. Hoare join the board of Geers Gross. Mr H. Houghton has been elec-

to the end of September were, mercial

ginning of August.

only quoted part.
Net assets of Capital for Industry are in Grindlays' books at December 1978 at around £5m and at the suspension price, the stake in Cray is worth around

According to the market, the suspension and the announcement of talks came out of the But Mr Douglas Meekins,

director of corporate finance at Grindlays and a director of Capital for Industry, said: "It did not quite come out of the blue, but we didn't have any trading links with the company with whom we are now in dis-

bigher than those for the pre-

ceding six months.
Undistributed income for the

period amounted to £8.1bn-a £1.5bn increase on the preced-

ing six months: but some f1.2bn of this reflected stock appreciation. The increase in undistributed income, and a f0.1bn decrease in capital for-

mation and stocks, reduced the

made chairman of Spring Grove

Services to succeed Mr G. C. Rowett, who remains on the

board.

Mr John A. Harper is to join

Mr John A. Harper is to join the board of Staveley Industries as an executive director.

Mr F. C. Baker, managing director of Hobkirk Castings, has been elected chairman of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations. Mr Leslie Teeman, managing director of The Clay Cross Company and chairman of the East Midlands Region of the CBI, has been elected deputy chairman. Mr Michael Burton has been

companies

Dividends for the six months deficit of industrial and com-

Mr A C Chipperfield is promoted at Redifon

Reed Paper & Board (UK) to succeed Mr Haydn Tanner later this year.

Mr J. Sheppard Poor has been named vice-chairman of Morgan Guaranty Ltd.

Also becomes managing director of Vickers Fluid Power Division in addition to his post as chief executive of the Michell Bearings Division.

The two have already seen the Takeover Panel over Rule 34 of the Takeover Code which states that anyone who buys a 30 per cent stake in a company automatically has to make an offer for the rest of the share canital.

The bid announcement accompanied Cray's results for the six months to last October where profits eased back £30,000 to £224,000 on sales slightly ahead from £5.1m £5.8m. The results reflect the impact of the engineering

dispute.
The group is paying an un-

tion of financial assets) by £0.4bn in the second and third

quarter of the year, to £2.1bn.
An increase in unpaid VAT and
telephone bills helped to
finance a £0.5bn reduction in

the net borrowing requirement.
As already reported, total income of industrial and commercial companies during the

second and third quarter of

1979 increased by 22 per cent

in consequence, 19 per cent measured by their net acquisi-

Elliott By Our Financial Staff

Pentos, the leisure garden to

publishing group, is likely to ask for a place on the board of furniture and joinery concern Elliott Group of Peterborough.

Last night. Pentos disclosed that it had lifted its stake to 20 per cent, buying a further 200,000 shares for around £60,000.

Corporate finance director Ma William Sanders said : " A place for us on the board would we should be arranging a meet-ing later on". But he insisted that Pentos has no intention of making a full bid for the group. "We have been building up

our stake for more than a year We think the shares are worth having and there could be a possibility for trading links", Mr Sanders said. Elliott would fit in with

Pentos' construction offshoot, Austin-Hall. The latest share buying to the key 20 per cent figures now give Pentos the option to make Elliott an associate company.

Options

Interest in traded options remained at a premium yester-day as investors prepared for the expiry of the January series on Wednesday. As a result the total number of contracts made was 1,754 compared with Friday's figure of 2,004—which in turn was the highest since May 3 last year. Interest remained in Consolidated Gold Fields, attracting 202 contracts but further interest was expressed in Land Securities, 744 con-

Today sees a new series of options for RTZ when the February, May and August 420p commence trading Shares of RTZ rose 17p to 409p bolstered by the increase in the copper

Warning from Lloyds & Scottish

and Lloyds Bank, will have to run very hard to stand still in

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Eisewhere in Business News are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=loss. b=income and surplus on sales.

The balance-sheet shows that cash and liquid assets has been reduced from £17.4m to £8m.

The board of Mercantile of the year's profit, but the

" satisfactory Mercantile House was formerly called M. W. Marshall

board considers the result will

Inpac Automation ioins Vickers

Vickers has acquired Inpac Automation Holdings, of Southall, Middlesex, which has Automation net assets of £784,000.

will retain its separate identity

and manufacturing base in Southall, but will operate

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house almost 80 per cent owned by the Royal Bank of Scotland

the current year.

Chairman, Mr George Duncan, warns shareholders in the annual report that the trading environment for the largest part of the group's business re-mains unhelpful. Unless there is a significant reduction in interest rates, margins will remain under pressure until the fixed rate lending book has been adapted to the new conditions, he said.

Mercantile House lifts forecast

House Holdings is predicting a higher dividend for the year to April next than was indicated at the time of the offer for sale last July. Mercantile is paying an interim dividend of 5.71p and forecasting a final of 11.42p. This would make a total of 17.14p gross for the year, compared with the pre-vious indication of 15.31p gross. On turnover 24 per cent greater at £9.41m, pre-tax profits of Mercantile rose by 15.5 per cent to £1.41m in the half-year to October 31 last. The profit does not include any contribution from Woellwarth, which was taken over last December. There is no forecast

Investments, the parent com-pany of the international money brokers, M. W. Marshall and

net assets of £784,000.

Inpac is one of Europe's leading end-of-line packaging machinery manufacturers and the acquisition will significantly strengthen Vickers' capability in packaging, bottling and material handling. It way and "Everyman" trade

heen reached with the Receive closely with the packaging and bottling interests within the Vickers Engineering Group. Additional service facilities for Iupac in the North of England of Ibis Kendal Holdings, the parent company of Conway for the purchase of 50 per cent of the share capital of Kingway Sarl (France) and the whole of the share capital of Ibis Europe are expected to be established



Sir Leslie Smith, chairman of industrial gases and engineering group BOC International says he is optimistic about the future. In his annual statement he says "we enter the new decade with high hopes and great confidence".

Last year a start was made on a re-examination of group policies, attitudes and objectives following the change in United Kingdom Government, the addition of Airco and a new group management. This process will continue.

J. Halstead to buy trailer tents group

James Halstead (Holdings) has reached agreement with the Receiver of Conway Trailers for the purchase of stock, plant and machinery and motor vehicles, together with postreceivership current assets.

Conway is engaged in the manufacture, distribution and sale of Conway trailer tents and

cludes acquisition of the "Con-way" and "Everyman" trade Matthews Butchers, a subsidiary

BY (Holland) and Conway Trailers USA Inc (Elkhart, Indiana). The total price is £501,000 cash.

Interim drop at Caledonian Cinemas

In spite of the turnover of by 5 per cent to £3.83m in the six months to September 29, pre-tax profits slumped by almost 44 per cent to £281,000. The board, which last December doubled the interim dividend to 2.85p gross, considers the results "satisfactory, having regard to the present economic

Henlys may take over Belifast car dealer

Henlys is holding talks with R. E. Hamilton which are expected to lead to the acquisition of the Belfast-based Hamilton ...

Hamilton is a substantial main dealer for Ford vehicles in Northern Ireland.

Its pre-tax profit for 1978 was £112,000 and unaudited management figures for 1979 indicate a result of about £200,000. Henlys have started talks with Ford por for the communice of the main dealer and truck specialist dealer franchises held by Hamilton should the acquisi-tion take place.

Borthwick buys chain of retail butchers

Thomas Borthwick & Sons and James Blue Ltd have reached agreement, subject to contract, for Borthwick's to purchase for cash the issued capital of the James Blue Group, comprising James Blue Ltd and Kelday Butchers Ltd. The James Blue Group operate 17 retail burchers shops, mainly in the North-West London area. The operation will be integrated with of Borrhwick's

Mr R. G. Rutty has been appointed by Winchester Bowring is assistant director. Mr R. W. A. Hermans has been made chairman and managing director of Philip Morris, succeeding Mr D. V. Littlejohn as chairman. Mr P. R. Fyson has been appointed to the board of Foster of Gomme Holdings. Mr M. H. Houghton has been elected chairman of Stenhouse Holdings on the resignation of Mr J. G. Stenhouse, who remains on the board. Mr P. H. A. Stenhouse has been made a director. Mr R. Stenhouse who remains on the board. Mr P. H. A. Stenhouse has been made a director. Mr Rene Gold has been appointed to the board of Foster Turner and Bensou. Mr Gerald Boxali joins the executive director. Mr F. C. Baker, managing director of Hobkirk Castings, has been elected chairman of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations. Mr Leshie Teeman, managing director of The Clay Cross Company and chairman of the East Midlands Region of the CBI, has been elected chairman of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations. Mr Leshie Teeman, managing director of The Clay Cross Company and chairman of the East Midlands Region of the CBI, has been elected chairman of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations. Mr Leshie Teeman, managing director of The Clay Cross Company and chairman of the East Midlands Region of the East Midlands Region of the CBI, has been elected chairman of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations. Mr Leshie Teeman, managing director of The Clay Cross Company and chairman of the East Midlands Region of the CBI, has been elected chairman of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations. Mr Leshie Teeman, managing director of The Clay Cross Company and chairman of the East Midlands Region of the CBI, has been elected chairman of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations. Mr Leshie Teeman, managing director of The Clay Cross Company and Chairman of the East Midlands Region of the East Midlands Region of the CBI, has been elected chairman of the Council of Ironfoundry Associations.

BANKSIS HANSON'S The Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, Limited

TURNOVER UP 15.3% PROFIT BEFORE TAX UP 16.7%

- * 1979 was a most satisfactory year with increased profit and substantially reduced bank borrowing. We recommend a final ordinary dividend of 6.00p per share, making a total of 8.50p (1978-6.56p).
- * We have continued our capital expenditure to improve production efficiency and expand our licensed estate.
- * The quality of our products has been well maintained ... Hanson's Mild Ale being voted the best mild in Great Britain.
- * 1980 will be a testing year, but our ability to supply a good glass of beer at a competitive price leads me to expect that we will continue to make satisfactory progress.



E.J. Thompson, Chairman



TRADITIONAL DRAUGHT BEERS

Meggitt slips from record level

and Board.

Mr Michael Gadd of Reed Paper

Having reached a peak £478,000 in 1977-78. Meggitt Holdings' pre-tax profits slipped to £425,000 in the following 12 months to October 31, 1979. months to October 31, 1979. This was in spite of a rise of one-third in turnover to £8.26m. Earnings per share have fallen from 7.6p to 4.7p, but the total dividend, gross, is being raised from 0.95p to 1.2p. At the half-way stage, the board reported that the reduction in the interim profit—from £181,000 to £152,000 pre-tax—was due to problems in the was due to problems in the manufacturing division. Meggitt covers machine tool

merchanting as well as engineering and manufacture; the board proposes to introduce a profitsharing scheme, subject to approval at the annual meeting.

HUME—DAWNAY DAY
The Secretary of State for Trade
has notified that he has no objection to the changes of control
involved in Hume Investment
Trust becoming controllers of
Target Life Assurance tand its
subsidiary, Target Anauttes), a
subsidiary of Dawnay Day. Hume's
offer for Dawnay Day has become
unconditional in all respects. By
Jan 18, acceptances had been
received for shares representing
94 per cent of Dawnay's capital.

LOWI.AND INVESTMENT
Gross Income of Lowland Investment, one of the investment trusts managed by Henderson Administration, for the three months ended December 31, 1979, was £154,359 (£118,022 for the corresponding period of 1978). Earnings per share, 1.19p, against 0.72p—a gain of 65 per cent. Net assets per share at December 31, 1979, were 75.2p (December 31, 1978—70.2p).

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance has sold Im stares in Second City Properties, reducing its interest to 2.4m shares (17.82 per cent). WOLVERHAMPTON STEAM
Turnover (excluding VAT) of
Wolverhampton Steam Laundry

SECOND CITY PROPERTIES

rose from E341.500 to £398,400 in the half-year to September 30, 1979. Trading loss, £800, against a profit of £13.200. Board hopes to declare an overall profit for full year's trading.

THOMAS VALE

In a deal worth £400,000, four executive directors of Thomas Vale and Sons, the building and civil engineering company of Stourport-on-Severn, have acquired stourport-on-severn, nave acquired the issued share capital from Claxton and Garland, York. The directors who have managed the company for the past seven years have been supported by the Birmingham area office of Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation.

Briefly :

Boards of Tategold Ltd and Doloi Tea Holdings have reached agreement on terms of a cash offer to be made by Tategold to acquire all 96,000 stock units of 50p each of Doloi. Board of Doloi and its advisers, Cayzer, consider terms of offer to be fair and reasonable and will recommend acceptance to stockholders.

GREAT NORTHERN Gross revenue of Great Northern Investment Trust for year to November 30 up from £3.97m to 15.13m. Net revenue. £3.05m (£1.3m), after all charges. Total payment, 8.57p gross (£.42p gross).

PALMERSTON TRUST Palmerston Investment Trust's income and surplus on sales of properties. 192,000 (£69,000) for first half-year. LEDA TRUST

WILLIAMS LEA GROUP Board reports that current year is likely to be challenging, with two major installations of plant. Running costs of these additions,

Gross revenue of Leda Investment Trust for 1979, £338,000 (£292,000). Total gross dividend.

coupled with decline in national economy, make short-term prospects uncertain.

ARTHUR LEE & SONS A reasonable start has been made to the current year, reports the chairman, Mr P. W. Lee, in his annual report. But Lee's order hooks were seriously disrupted because of the engineering strike.

SOUTH CROFTY Saint Piran now holds 10.84m shares in South Crofty. LOWLAND DRAPERY

Cattle's (Holdings) has acquired a further 7,000 shares in Lowland Drapery Holdings and now holds 296,100 shares [12,53] ROWAN MERLIN FUND
The final distribution on income
units for the accounting period
January 17, 1979 to January 15,
1980 will be 2.200p net per unit
(1.600p last year). The total distribution for the year amounts to
3.400p net per unit compared

subscription day, January 16, 1980, the offered price of income units was 103.7p xd and the estimated gross yield calculated in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust was 4.07 per cent. CATALIN

3.400p net per unit, compared with 2,600p last year. On the latest

Wix International Corp has bought 34,000 shares in Catalin, increasing its holding to 680,930 shares (40.02 per cent). GESTETNER HOLDINGS Mr J. A. Barnett, director, has disposed of 20,200 "A" ordinary shares at 72p, leaving his holding at 217,558 shares (0.47 per cent).

AMAL POWER ENG On December 7, Prudential Assurance notified Amalgamated Power Engineering that its interest was less than 5 per cent (previously, 5.7 per cent). Scottish Amicable Life Assurance and its subsidiary has reduced its interest by 100,000 shares to 636,666 shares 14.54 per cent. (4.64 per cent).

DEWHURST AND PARTNER Turnover for year to September 30,1979 £5.91m (£4,20m). Profit before tax £138,000 (£219,000). EPS 1.45p (2,31p). Dividend total 131p (1,27p). EPS 1.45p (2.51p), 1.31p (1.37p) gross.

Brascan is seeking new outlets for cash surplus

Brascan, the Canadian holding company, said yesterday supply deals with Saudi Arabia, hat it is examining the possibility of buying stakes in four Nigeria. ing company, said yesterday that it is examining the possithat it is examining the pussi-bility of buying stakes in four companies, but that it is un-likely to spend more than C\$150m-C\$200m on increasing its stake in Noranda Mines.

At present Brascan has C\$800m to C\$900m in cash, the proceeds from the nationalization last year of Brazilian Power and Light Company. In 1979 Brascan made an abortive bid for F. W. Woolworth.

It then bought nearly 11 per cent of Noranda Mining, a Canadian base metal producer. Noranda took defensive action, issuing new shares to Zinor, a private holding company in-directly controlled by Noranda. Zinor now has 23 per cent of Noranda, including the holdings in Noranda of companies con-trolled by Noranda.

A request from Brascan that Zinor be dismantled has been rejected. Brascan says that one of the companies in which it is interested is a financial service company and the others are in retail and consumer product areas. An announcement may be made within a month,

Monti rescue plan The Monti Oil Group, one of

Italy's independent private oil companies, plans to cede part of its commercial network to ENI, the state oil group, according to a Monti spokesman.

A deal is close to being finalized under which ENI will take over an oil depot at the Monti group's Mach refinery at Volpiano, 2,100 petrol stations owned by Mach and a further

1,000 privately-owned outlets supplied by Mach.
The deal is part of a plan to rescue Monti from financial problems caused by heavy debts, estimated at about 450bn

Seidman into Europe

Seidman and Seidman a United States-based accounting firm, says it will operate outside America under a new name, Binder Dijker Otte and

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1963 has operated under 1963 has operated under a variety of names" in different parts of the world, said Mr B. Z. Lee, Seidmao's managing partner. He said that it was difficult at times to explain to clients the reasons for this complex nomenclature".

Mr Lee, who has served as chairman of the international group for the past five years. said he is stepping down and will be succeeded by Herr Hans-Heinrich Otte, managing partner of the West German member

Occidental's hope

Occidental Petroleum Corpor ation of Los Angeles says it has "every confidence" its "every confidence" its ammonia transactions with Russia will continue, a spite of President Carter's decision to set an import limit quota. The company noted that the

quota is subject to a new hear-ing by the United States Trade Commission, and it has every confidence that, after the hearing, it will again be clear the transaction continues very much in the national interest

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Uranium profits soar at Mary Kathleen

Pretax profits at Mary Kath-leen Uranium, the Australian producer indirectly controlled by Rio Tinto-Zinc, soared last year from AS707,000 to AS17-3m (£8.52m). Furthermore, accumulated tax losses meant that no tax was payable, though the company warns that it will become liable to taxation this year.

No dividends are being paid. but production was up from 608 tonnes of U308 in 1978 to 832 tonnes. Output in the fourth quarter was 233.7 tonnes.

Another Australian company. Western Mining, announced that it will not extend its bid for BH South because CTB nominees, holders of 15.3 per cent of BH South, have rejected the offer. Acceptances came to 58.3 per cent by January 18. Some of BH South's assers will be sold to Conzinc Riorinto of he sold to Conzinc Riotinto of Australia.

The great Australian diamond rush also received another fillip yesterday with the news that Pennzail Australia. a United States company, is expected to start prospecting seriously for stones at Rutherglen, some 300 kilometres north of Melbourne.

The other big rush of the moment, gold, has encouraged the Philippines to raise gold production. Output is expected to rise from 17,450 kilogrammes last year to 20,152 this year. The extra gold will come from new mines, higher output from existing ones, and more production as a by-product from contion as a by-product from cop-

Platinum is another precious metal which has benefited from the boom. But Sir Albert Robinthe boom. But Sir Albert Robinson, chairman of Rustenburg Platinum, warns in his annual review, that the free market price has been driven to levels unjustified by normal market considerations. He says that sales in the first half of 1980 will be lower than in the same period last year because of falling demand for cars in the United States. United States.

The South African gold and investment group. Gold Fields Property, part of Gold Fields of South Africa, made pretax profits in the six months to September 30, of R1.33m (£740,000) compared with R1.33m for compared with R1.53m for whole of the previous financial

Amalgamated Tin Mines of Nigeria is proposing to return £1.17m in surplus funds to shareholders by way of a capital payment of 9p a share and two interim dividends of 3p net each. The capital arises from the enforced sale of assets in Nigeria.

Sotheby's capital spending rises to £5.1m

Capital spending of fine art auctioneers Sotheby Parke Bernet rose last year from £1.69 million to £5.1 million. The major part of the pro-gramme went on the Aeolian Hall, opposite the group's London premises in Bond Street; Sotheby Beresford Adams and the new property at 1334 York Avenue at 72nd Street in New

In August the group bought a 30-year lease on the New York property and intends to buy the freehold for \$8,000,000 this year. under special finance agreement with the group's bankers.

Auction sales for the first four months of the current year are 31 per cent ahead at £94.34 mil-lion, with the most significant advance coming from the United States and Canada.

AVON RUBBER Lord Farnham, chairman, told the annual meeting that order books in most group companies are healthy, although margins are under continuing pressure. Board believes improvement in year's profits is still possible.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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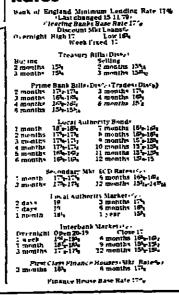
Discount market

The extremely tight day-to-day money conditions persisted yester day and with huge sums thought to be waiting to move into the two new "tap" stocks later it the week, all the signs are that two new "tap" stocks later in the week, all the signs are that things are going to get a lot worse before they get better.

This was underlined by short-term period rates up around the 19 per cent mark yesterday. The Bank of England eventually relieved the day's shortage by giving large-scale assistance. There were moderate purchases of Treasury bills both from the banks and the houses, plus purchases of a small amount of corporation bills and a moderate quantity of "eligible" bank bills from the houses.

In addition, the authorities lent a small sum overnight to three or four houses at 17 per cent MLR. Balances were a small way below target and there was a small net Treasury bill take up to finance. Closing balances came at between 16 and 16; per cent.

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LME metal stocks Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were:

Copper down 2,900 to 120,125;
Tin up ,640 to 2,820; Lead down 825 to 16,400; Zinc down 1,325 to 46,500; Aluminium up 3,800 to 25,700; Nickel down 96 to 6,318; Silver up 808,000 to 13,020,000 troy ounces.

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Record Record

Foreign exchange report

Sterling relinquished a useful rise at the end of a very subdued trading session on foreign exchange markets yesterday. At the close the pound showed a 15 point fall at 2.2840 (overnight 2.2955), but its trade weighted index still recorded a smart gain of 0.4 points at the final calculation of 72.3 compared with 71.9 on Friday. At one stage during the morning sterling traded around 2.2965.

The dollar held firm throughout but here too trading was quiet. Helped by President Carter's weekend speech on Afghanistan the dollar closed with gains at the 1.7283 (1.7220), Swiss franc 1.6000 (1.3890) and the yen 240.95 (239.55). The French Franc, top of the EMS for most of the day, retreated in dollar terms to 4.04575 (4.0320). Sterling Spot and Forward



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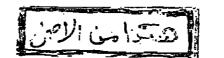
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Print-out from computer not admissible evidence

Regina v Pettigrew Regina v Newark

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Bridge and Mr Justice Woolf

Mr Justice Woolf

A Bank of England computer printi-out of serial numbers on Es notes was inadmissible in evidence and exposed a lacuna in the Criminal Evidence Act 1965.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Stewart Douglas Pettigrew, aged 1.2, from conviction at York Crown Court (Judge Beaumont) on a count of burglary from a house at Crook, co Durham, for which he received a prison sentence of three years. An appeal by John Newark, aged 34, who had been tried at the same time and also was sentenced to three years, against copyiction of a burglary at West Petton was dismissed.

Section 1(1) of the 1965 Act provides: "In any criminal proceedings where direct oral evidence of a fact would be admissible, any statement contained in a document and tending to estab-

ence of a fact would be admissible, any statement contained in a document and tending to establish that fact shall, on production of the document, be admissible as evidence of that fact if—(a) the document is . . a record relating to any trade or business and compiled . . . from information supplied . . . by persons who have, or may reasonably be supposed to have, personal knowledge of the matters dealt with in the information they supply. . . . "

Mr Keith McHale for Pettigrew; Mr Glenn Galland for Newark; Mr S. W. Williamson for the Crown.

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LDRD JUSTICE BRIDGE said that the evidence against the appellant Petrigrew included three new £5 notes found in his possession shortly after the burgiary at Crook. There was some evidence suggesting that they had come from a bundle of £650 in £5 notes which had been part of the stolen property. property.

The Crown tendered and, after defence objection, the judge ruled admissible a computer print-out identifying serial numbers of a

bundle of £5,000 in £5 notes sent from the Bank of England to another bank part of which could subsequently be traced through a trustee savings bank into the possession of the owner of the burgled house in Crook.

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The evidence suggested, although it did not conclusively establish, that the three notes found in the appellant's possession could have come from the same series of notes as had been in the house number's passession. owner's possession.

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At the trial the objection to the admission of the print out had been made solely on the ground that the issue of bank notes by the Bank of England was not an activity forming part of any "trade or business". However, on appeal Mr McHale, while not obserded in the more difficult point, namely, that the information recorded in the print out was not information supplied by any person who had or could reasonably be supposed to have had personal knowledge of the matters dealt with in the information they supplied.

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the matters dealt with in the information they supplied.

The machine from which the print-out came operated on a bundle of notes which had been printed. Each note bore a serial number and was fed into the machine by an operator, who noted on a card the first serial number of the bundle. The notes passed through the machine, which automatically rejected any defective note in the bundle and recorded the first and last serial numbers of each bundle of 100 notes, which might then be taken to run consecutively in series save only insofar as the machine had rejected notes. The machine also recorded the serial numbers of the notes which it rejected.

Mr McHale submitted that it could not be said that anyone—if it were to be anyone it would have to be the machine operator—could ever be caid to have had personal knowledge of what emerged from the machine, namely, the print-out recording the serial numbers of every note in the bundle.

The Crown submitted that the

operator could fairly be said to have had personal knowledge of the notes in each buildle which he fed into the machine. Although he bad not mentally recorded them, he had means of knowledge and knew that he was feed-ing a bundle of notes bearing consecutive numbers into a machine and was recording on a card the first number of each

That argument was most attracave. If the machine did nothing but record the totality of the numbers of notes from each bundle fed into it the Crown

However, what at the end of the day had convinced their Lordships that they could not accept the argument was the recognition that the machine had the important dual function of separating out the defection not separating out the defective notes and recording their numbers and also of recording the serial numbers of the notes at the beginning and end of each bundle.

end of each bundle.

The numbers of the notes' recorded as having been rejected could never be said to have been in the personal knowledge or the mind of anybody. They were recorded purely by the operation of the machine. If one could impute knowledge to the machine it would be the machine alone which could be said to have had knowledge of the rejected notes.

which could be said to have had knowledge of the rejected rotes. To know the numbers of the rejected notes it was exsential to know the serial numbers of the notes in the hundles to which the print-out related.

Therefore, although the point was highly technical and one which might be thought to have exposed a lacuna in the 1955 Act, the appellant's argument was entitled to prevail. The conviction could not be upheld by application of the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1968, on the ground that no miscarriage of justice had occurred. The conviction was quashed. Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr D. I. Morgan, Durham.

Queen's Bench Division

Guidelines on 'special occasions'

Regina v Berwyn Justices, Ex parte Edwards Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Shaw, Mr Justice Park, Mr Justice Kilner Brown and Mr Justice Woolf

Woolf
A five-judge Divisional Court, in confirming the principles laid down in Martin v Spalding ([1979] 1 WLR 1164) for the guidance of licensing justices considering an application for a special order of exemption, stated three questions which the justices should consider. Their Lordships refused and the state of which the justices should consider.

Their Lordships refused an application by Chief Superintendent Percy Manning Edwards, of North Wales police, for an order of certiorari to quash an order hy justices for the petty sessional division of Berwyn, sitting at Corwen on February 9, 1979, granting extensions of permitted hours for Saturday, May 26, 1979, and Saturday, August 25, 1979, from 11 pm to 11.45 pm in respect of 48 public houses.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC, and Mr Michael Farmer for the applicant; Mr R. J Harvey, QC, and Mr Richard Beckett for the justices.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF, reading a reserved judgment, said that the justices, in granting the applications, purported to act pursuant to section 74(4) of the Licensing Act, 1964, which provided: "Justices of the peace may—(a) on an application by the holder of a justices on-licence for any premises, or (b) on an application by the secretary of a club registered in respect of any premises, make an order (in this Act referred to as a special order of exemption) adding such hours as may be specified in the order to may be specified in the order to the permitted hours in those premises on such special occasion or occasions as may be so or occasions as may be so specified."

specified."

The case raised again the question what was the proper approach of justices in such applications and the extent to which the Divisional Court could which the Divisional Court could interfere with their decisions. In Martin v Spalding the court sought to give general guidance in the hope that the decision would assist "materially to dispose of this problem", although the Lord Chief Justice had a reservation as to whether that objective would be achieved.

Their Lordships had been taken through the relevant authorities, starting with Devinc v Keeling ((1880) 50 J P 551), and their conclusion was that the principles set out in Martin v Spalding were correct.

Spalding were correct
The court would point out that applications for a special order of exemption, there were three questions which they should

(1) Was the occasion which was (1) Was the occasion which was the subject matter of the application capable of being a "special occasion"? As the Lord Chief Justice said in Martin v Spalding, in justices must look at this matter like a judge looking at a matter of law and ask themselves whether it is onen to archody to contend it is open to anybody to contend that this is a special occasion ".

maner of discretion, the application should be granted.

If the justices answered any of
the questions in the negative, it
was not necessary for them to go
on to consider the others. An
application could only be granted
if all three questions were answered in the affirmative.

wered in the affirmative.

The first question was a question of law, and if any relief was to be obtained from a higher court in respect of a decision of the justices, it would normally be because they had answered the first question in a manner which was wrong in law.

The second question was purely

The second question was purely a question of fact, and the court would normally only be able to intervene in the unlikely event of it being shown that there was no material upon which the justices could have come to their decision. could have come to their decision. It was to that question that an often-quoted passage from the judgment of Chief Justice Coleridge in Devine v Kceling applied: "I think we cannot interfere with the decision of the justices, for the question what is a special occasion?" must necessarily be a question of fact in each locality. Each locality may very well have its own meaning to those words, and it is for the justices in each district to say whether a certain time and place come within the description." Those words should not be taken as applying to the not be taken as applying to the first question.

So far as the justices' answer to the third question was concerned, it would rarely be possible to show that the justices bad exercised their discretion in a manner which was capable of being challenged In the courts.

In the courts.

Even in relation to the first question, the earlier authorities must be approached with caution. The words "special occasion" were ordinary words, and in the majority of cases, when those words were given their ordinary meaning, it would not be necessary to look at previous authorities in order to answer the first question.

question.

In border-line cases, however, the earlier authorities might be of assistance in giving guidance. The main guidance could be summar-

main guidance could be summarized.

(1) The occasion could be special from the national or local point of view. A local occasion could include what might be more aprily described as a personal occasion such as a wedding, but the more local or the more personal the occasion, the more carefully it must be scrutinized.

(2) The more frequently the occasion occurred the less likely it was that it would be a special occasion.

occasion.
(3) If the occasion was one created by the licensee solely for the purposes of his licensed busi-

(2) If the occasion was capable ness it was unlikely to be capable of being a special occasion, whether, on the material available to the justices, it was in fact a special occasion in the locality in which the licensed premises in respect of which the application was made were situated.

(3) If it was a special occasion in their locality, whether as a matter of discretion, the application should be gramted. The complaint in the present case was in respect of the grant of extensions of permitted hours

for May 26, the Saturday before the spring Bank holiday Monday, and August 25, the Saturday before the summer Bank holiday Monday. It was accepted that extensions were properly granted in respect of the Bank holiday Mondays, which were agreed to be special occasions.

ln an affidavit the justices said that they considered that in their division the whole Bank holiday weekend was a continuing special occasion. During Bank heliday weekends a large number of visitors arrived on Friday evenings and stayed over the weekend, departing on the Monday. Eccause of the tourist attractions of the area the Saturdays prior to the spring and summer Bank holi-days had a particular character giving them the quality of special

ence to show that the justices misdirected themselves, and the court was of the view that it was impossible to say that those particular Saturdays were incapable of being special occasions as they formed part of the Bank holiday procedured.

A different view was taken by the court in R v Wenlock Justices, Ex parte Furber (The Times, July 24, 1978), but in Martin v Spalding Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane pre-ferred the decision in R c Wood stock Justices, Ex parte Holds-worth (unreported, May 30, 1977), which took a different view from the Wenlock justices.

Both the Furber and Holdsnorth cases should be regarded as decisions on their own facts. What they illustrated was that a Saturday before a Bank holiday was close to the borderline of a situation which was not capable of being regarded as a special or being regarded as a special occasion. An illustration of a case which was beyond the border-line was provided by R v Dowsland and Hoverfordwest Licensing Justices, (The Times, January 28, 1961). In that case the court said that it was impossible to say that the fact that people attended a seaside resort on Thursday and Saturday in the summer months created in law to special occa-

created in law to special occasions.

The justices were entitled to come to their decision in the present case and, accordingly, the application would be refused.

Lord Justice Shaw. Mr Justice Park. Mr Justice Shaw. Mr Justice Park. Mr Justice Kilner Brown and the Lord Chief Justice agreed, Solicitors: Lickfolds, Wiley & Powles; Sharpe, Pritchard & Cofor William Jones & Talog Davies and Angurin Evans & Co, Ruthin.

Libel damages for Dame Rebecca West Mr Keswick and Mr Chancellor

Before Mr Justice Bristow
Dame Rebecca West accepted substantial damages for tibel after The Specimor had withdrawn and apologized for allegations which she considered slurs on her integrity in a review of her book Black Lamb and Grey Falcon.
She steed, in the name of Dame Cicily Andrews, Mr Henry Neville Lindsay Keswick, proprietor of The Speciator; Mr Alexander Chancellor, the editor; and Mr Alastair Forbes, who had reviewed her book in the journal.
Mr Charles Gray, her counsel, amouncing a settlement of her libel action, said that although ioined as a party, Mr Forbes lived in Switzerland and had not heen served with the proceedings.

Black Lamb and Grey Falcon was a lengthy study of Yugoslavia with reference to its history and geography. First published in

slavia with reference to its history and geography. First published in 1942, it was relssued in 1977 and reviewed by Mr Forbes in The Spectator in December, 1977. That review went far beyond the expression of Mr Forbes's opinion about the book: it alleged that Dame Rebecca's account of wartune events in Yugoslavia was bogus and implied that she was guilty of bad faith and misrepresentation.

sentation.

The Spectator recognized that reallegations were baseless, and they published a retraction and they published a retraction for November 18818 of apology in their issue of November 11, 1978. Dame Rebecca naturally believed that what had been for her a perplexing and

Andrews v Keswick (trading as The Spectator) and Others

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She sued, in the name of Dame Cicily Andrews, Mr Henry Neville Lindsay Keswick, proprietor of The Spectator; Mr Alexander Chancellor, the editor; and Mr Alastair Forbes, who had reviewed her book in the journal.

Mr Charles Gray, her counsel, Mr Charles Gray, her counsel, illiterate.

was ignorant, incompetent and illiterate.

Dame Rebecca was surprised that The Spectator should publish another apparently malign attack by Mr Forbes upon her professional competence so soon after it had published an apology for a similar attack by him in his review of Black Lamb and Grey Falcon. She was particularly distressed when it came to ber knowledge that a Spectator reader had written to the editor protesting at what he described as the insulting reference to Dame Rebecca in the article published on January 6. Although that letter was for publication, the editor did not publish it but instead referred it to Mr

ication, the editor did not publish it but instead referred it to Mr Forbes. He wrote to The Spectator reader a letter containing further insulting references to Dame Rebecca.

In the circumstances she felt that there was no alternative but to issue the present proceedings to get rid once and for all of the slurs upon her integrity published in The Spectator.

Mr Keswick and Mr Chancellor had not for one moment sought to suggest that there were any grounds for suggesting that there was any justification for any of the criticisms made against Dame Rebecca professionally, still less for the attack upon her personal reputation. They were present in court by counsel publicly to confirm that the allegations made in their magazine against Dame Rebecca were withdrawn and to offer their sincere apologies to her.

As a mark of the seriousness of the matter they had agreed to pay substantial damages, to indemnify Dame Rebecca respect of her costs and to publish an apology in The Spectator. Dame Rebecca had no wish to gain personally from the proceeding, and she would donate the damages to the Serbian Orthodox Community in London.

munity in London.

Mr David Eady, for Mr Keswick and Mr Chancellor, said that they were very pleased to have the opportunity to withdraw the imputations against the professional and personal integrity of Dame Rebecca made in The Spectator review and article. It was never their intention to insult Dame Rebecca, whose high standing both as an author and fournalist was well known. Neverthaless his clients recognized the injury which had been done to her, and through him they offered their sincere apologies.

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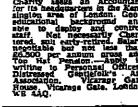
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Fatty Arbuckle with Virginia Rappe, the girl he was accused of murdering: Hollywood (ITV, 9.00)

I have heard complaints, not deafening but none the less persistent, that good though Thames Television's Hollywood series has been so far (part 3 is screened tonight, at 9.00), it has lacked cohesion and a sense of direction. Uninvited, I take up the cudgels on its behalf and say that episodes one and two have been scene-setters, appetisers, frameworks. From now on, we get down to single themes. Tonight, for instance, it is the early scandals—Fatty Arbuckle and the shocking happenings at the Labour Day party that culminated in the sordid death of Virginia Rappe; and the murder, still unsolved, of William Desmond Taylor, the film director. With Hollywood assuming the dimensions of a new Sodom, a censor was appointed. Will the dimensions of a new Sodom, a censor was appointed, Will Hay. What he did—good and bad, depending on how artistry is defined—is part of tonight's story, roguishly titled Single Beds and Double Standards.

• How Dr Dolittle would have envied Penny Patterson, from California. She actually talks to a gorilla, and the beast understands her. True, their têtes a têtes are still at the sign language stage, but miracles will not be hurried, and it is surely enough for the present that Koko, the American psychologist's hirsute friend, can argue with her and even lie to her. All kinds of questions arise out of their relationship—if gorillas are so intelligent, is it not inhuman to shut them up in zoos. And so on. David Attenborough who narrates tonight's World About Us film about Miss Patterson and Koko (BBC 2, 6.55) does not allow questions like that to lie, unanswered, on the stable.

Charles Wheeler, being the BBC's man in Washington during the storm-tossed Seventies (Watergate, Vietnam) is an ideal commentator for The Diminishing of the Presidency (Radio 4, 7.20), the first in a series of 10 features called The Restless Years which will deal with major national and international upheavals during the past decade. President Carter does not emerge at all well from tonight's programme (which I feel wastes too much time on Watergatery), and Mr Wheeler, though conceding that because of Iran, the Americans generally have suspended judgment on Mr Carter's ability to lead, concludes that the President's reaction to the Afghanistan invasion indicates that the respite may be only temporary.

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5.40 News: with Richard Baker.
5.53 nationwide.
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Robertson interviews Sir Charles
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BBC 1 9.36 For Schools, Colleges: 9.35 Mathshow: 9.58 Maths-in-a Box; 10.16 Look and Read (Boy from Space); 10.38 Resource Unit 11.13 History; 11.09 Watch (Robinson Crusoe); 11.17 television Club; 11.38 Design by Five (Claire Rayner's bedroom); 12.05 General Studies (student life). Closedown at 12.30.

12.45 News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Guests include Elizabeth Seal, the singer-dancer-actress who joins the cast of the West End musical Chicago any day now. 1.45 Trumpton: the story of Miss Loyelace and the Statue (r). 2.00 You and Me: For the very

young.
2.14 For Schools, Colleges. 2.14
Treffpunkt: Deutschland; 2.30
English: Episode 2 of the BBC TV
production of Julius Caesar. Close
down at 3.00.
3.25 Dechrau Starad: for Welsh siewers. 3.55 Play School: The story of the Princess and the Pea.
4.20 Yogi Bear: Cartoon. A Bear Living (r).
4.25 Jackanory: Kenneth Williams reads Norman Hunter's The Dribbesome Teapots (r). 4.40 Animai Magic: Johnny Mor-

10.05 am Are You Happy in Your Work? For trade unionists (r). Closedown at 10.30.

12.00 Simon in the Land of Chalk

1.30 Airport Chaplain: Fictional

11.00 Same as BBC 1, 3.55.

BBC 2

THAMES

Forte, the catering tycoon. He is seen at work and play. Sir Charles is pushing 72.

7.20 The Rockford Files: A reporter is murdered after sending some incriminating evidence to Rockford, the private investigator. But the package is lost in the mail.

8.10 Decision: Third in the John Pinman series about people faced with crucial decisions about their future. Tonight: the three lonely old folk who have set up house together, to care for each other.

9.00 News: With Peter Woods.

9.25 Fiesh and Blood: Part 3 of John Finch's drama series about a Yorkshire family riven by professional and domestic problems. Tonight: Ross's (Michael Hayston) secretary (Pamela Salem) breaks off their affair. series about the bespectacled comedian who did perilous deeds in silent films. We see clips from Hot Water and Eastern Western-

er. 6.10 The Waltons: Grandma returns home after her stroke, and everyone is far too solicitous about her. Everyone except Olivia, that 6.55 The World About Us: David

Attenborough narrates this film about Koko, a gorilla who has learnt sign language (see Personal Choice). 7.45 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.

11.00 Same as BBC 1, 3.55.

11.25 Write Away: How to fill in a job application form (r).

11.40 It's a Great Life: What city life can do the growing child (r). Closedown at 12.65.

2.30 pm Dilemmas: Professor Bernard Williams tackles the question: How sacred is life? Is there a good case for terminating it?

3.00 Illusions of Reality: How Hitler was "sold" to the world by the newsreels of the 1930s (r).

3.30 The Living City: Sociology series. Part 13—the multiracial society (r). Closedown at 3.55.

5.40 Harold Lloyd: First in a new 7.55 Keystone Botel: Very old comedy film.* 8.10 Company and Co.; Another instalment in the story of club people. Tonight: an attempt to

Bill. And an item on antique

9.30 am For Schools. Experiment (biology); 9.47 Seeing and Doing (snow and ice); 10.04 Reading with Lenny; 10.16 Work; 10.35 The English Programme (authorship)— 2.45 Wilde Alliance: Julia Foster and John Stride as the detective fiction writer and his wife. Today, the weekend invitation that would have been best left unaccepted (r). 11.65 Leapfrog (maths); 11.22 Look Around (air); 11.39 The Land (Dartmoor). 3.45 Three Little Words: Quiz game, compered by Don Moss. 4.15 Get it Together: Pop music show. Guests include Elvis Cos-tello, Billy Hartman and Bruce Woolley.

Orawings: Two more stories about Simon, narrated by Bernard Cribbins (r). 4.45 Magpie: Michael Balfour, the actor (and ex-circus clown) demonstrates how to tackle a sculpture. Also in the studio, the Cambridge Buskers. Filmed items 12.10 pm Pipkins: Stories about Hardey Bare and his friends. 12.30 The Suilivans: Serial about an Aus-ralian family in the last war. include a visit to the Red Sea area Today: battle action against the 1.00 News: with Peter Sissons. 1.20 Thames News: with Robin Hous-

5.15 Emmerdale Farm: Stories of country folk. From Yorkshire. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Help! Joan Shenton's information and advice feature. stories about the air passengers' spiritual adviser. Today, he helps a long-separated father and daughter. With Ronald Forfar as story.

7.00 Charlie's Angels: Cruising 2.00 After Noon Plus: Opposed Angel. Three young women take views on the Abortion Amendment on yet more criminals.

10.15 Tuning In: Omnibus film about Kariheinz Stockhausen, one of the century's most controversial composers. The film draws on a series of hitherto untransmitted public fectures he gave in London and Oxford. We also hear the British group Singcircle and the piano duo, the Kontarcky Brothers.

11.07 Question Time: The Robin 11.07 Quesion Time: The Kohn
Day panel-and-audience discussion
programme. His guests tonight
are: Tessa Jowell, assistant director of the National Association for
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Neuman, the discourt wife. From Newman, the director's wife. From Ira Levin's book (he also wrote Rosemary's Baby).

10.50 International Cricket: The second one-day final for the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup. From Sydney, Australia. 11.20 News and weather.

11.35 The Old Grey Whistle Test: Featuring The Inmates and Cowboys International. Programme ends at approximately 12.15 am.

8.09 Armchair Theatre: The Vic-tim. Episode 5 of the Michael Ashe thriller about a kidnapped girl. Tonight: she becomes emotionally attached to one of her captors, a psychopathic killer (David Beck-ett). Last episode on Thursday might.

a bistro and the young couple who run it. Tonight: the attempt to buy out the father-in-law's (Tony Britton) share of the establishment is unexpectedly given a boost. 9.00 Hollywood: Single Beds and

Double Standards. Third part of Thames Television's fascinating series about Hollywood's early days. Tonight: the scandals (Fatty Arbuckle, etc.) and the emergence of the first censor, Will Hays (see Personal Choice). 10.00 News.

10.30 Film: The Wicker Man (1973). Erotic rites on a Scottish island. A thriller, with Edward Woodward, Britt Ekland, Christo-pher Lee. Written by Anthony Shaffer, who wrote Sleuth. 12.05 am Close: Comforting words from the Rev Alec Gilmore.

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7.30, 8.30 Headlines. 8.35 Yesterday ment..9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call 10.00 News. 10.05 In Brimin Now, 10.30 Daily Service, 10.45 The Wooden Horse (2).

11.05 Play: Danger! Man at Work! 11.35 Local Edition

12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.20 Down Your Way, 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One.

1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.03 Woman's Hour.

Radio 4

7.00, 8.00 News.

3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Mother. 3.15 Serial: Sons and Lovers (1).† 4.10 Bookshelf.

4.45 Story. The Rejuvenator. 5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News.
6.30 Just a Minute.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 The Restless Years (1). 8.05 in Touch. 8.30 The Manipulators. 9.15 From Our Own Correspon-

dem. 9.30 Kalcidoscope. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.30 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to 10.30 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (2).† 11.90 A Book at Bedtime. 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

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6.50 am Regional news, weather,
7.50 Regional news, weather,
9.15-10.30 For Schools: Voix de
France; Deursch für die
Oberstufe; The World of Work, Playtime. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: La France

2.00-3.00 pm For Schools: History—not so long ago; Days That Made History; Stories and 5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Por aqui

Radio 3 6.55 am Weather.

7.00 News. 7.95 Records: Mozart, J. C. Bach, Stamitz.† 8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Chabrier, Sibelius, Bizet, Saint-Saëns (Pno Conc 4).† 9.00 News. 9:05 Week's Composer: Arnold.+

10.00 The Tric Sonata-† 11.00 Piano: Sacverud, Schumafn, Nielsen.† 12.00 BBC Welsh SO/Thomson, pt 1: Dvorak (incl Cello Conc H. Schiff).†

1.00 pm News. 1.05 Six Continents: world news. 1.20 BBCWSO, pt 2: Smetzna (Ma Vlast excerpts).† 2.05 Israel Pno Quartet: Schumann (op 47).† 2.40 In the Shadows of the Great: Robbins Landon on Vanhal.†
3.25 Hungarian music: Kodaly
(incl Sym), Dohnanyi.†
4.25 Jazz Today.†

4.55 News. 5.00 Music for early evening.† 7.00 Lamoureux Orch/Munch : Roussel (Sym 3.)† 7.30 Play: Artist Descending a Staircase, by Tom Stoppard (with S. Murray, C. Hobbs, D. Landen, P. Egan).† 8.45 Salzburg Mozart-Matinee, pt 1 (Incl Pno Conc 13).†

9.30 Mozart, pt 2 (Incl Sym 36) † 10.15 Story: Dirty Friends, by Morris Lurie. 10.35 Cello, piano : Shosmkovich (op 40), Beethoven (op 69) † 11.25 Jazz in Britain.† 11.55-12.00 News.

9.20 Interval reading.

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5.00 am News, weather. 5.04 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.04 Jimmy Yoang.† 12.04 pm David Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart† 4.03 Much More Music. + 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 Much More Music. + 6.03 John Dunn. + 8.02 Wiv A Little Bit O' Luck. + 9.02 Glamorous Nights-† 9.53 Sports Desk. 10.02 Variety Club. 11.02 Brian Matthew. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

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(Eugenle).
Andrew

Kristina (nee Mackay) and
Simon—a son (Christopher).

LEATHER,—On January 19th at
North Sieff Maternity Rospital to
Mary (Nee Ross) and John—a
son (Robert John), a brother for
Charles.

LINCOLN,—On. January 18th, at
Nostingham City Hospital, to
Marilyn (nee Fisher) and Tong—
a son (Simon David).

MEZGER.—On January 21st to
Judith and Theo—a son
(Oliver).

O'GARRA.—On January 17th, 1980,
at Wordsley Hospital, StaffordSitre, to Alam and Lymn—a son
(James Alam).

O'RWIN.—On 17th January 1990.

In the Lito Citale, Athaens, to
Falley Company (Emily Sars).

Appender (Emily Sars).

Stephanio (nee Neebitt), a great granddaughter for Eve Neebitt.

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WILSON.—On 19th Jenuary, 1980.

To Harriet (nee Carswell) and Mike—a lovely daughter.

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ADAMS.—On January 17th, 1980.
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followed by cremation at Amersham.
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Kew. Surrey. January 19th.
BUTCHER.—On January 19th.
peacefully at worthing Hospital.
Thomas Harold Butcher, aged 90,
of 9 Heene Way. West Worthing,
father of the late Professor John

Butcher. On January 19.
COWLEY. On January 19.
Dorothee, beloved telle and consiant companion of Colin Patrick,
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and loving mother of January
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Simon—a son (Joseph Robert
Bill!.

BAIRD.—On Jan. 15th. to Rosemary
and Andrew—a daughter (Leonis
Rebecca)

BRIANT.—On January 17th. in
Brussets. to Romy Inea Frampton, and Exchard Briant—a
daughter (Catherine Hester).

DOBIE.—On 19th January. 1980,
at St. John's hospital, Cheimsford. to Lanle I nee to Peca

ford. 10 Janie in Pres Power's and Christopher—a son Hugh) a brother for Amelia and William.

DUNNETT. On January 19th. 21 Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, to Penelope nee Bulleni and Roderick — a daughter 'Chloe'. a sister for George.

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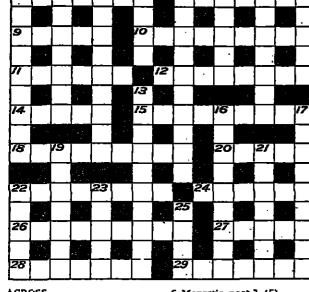
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CRONSHAW.—On January 17th, as the result of a road excident in Worthing, Wingsed or 18th and adoring father of Mark. Nikki. Paul. Debble and daughtor-in-law Maureen. Cremation on Friday, January 25th at 11 a.m. at Amersham Cremation on Friday, January 25th at 11 a.m. at Amersham Cremation on Friday, January 25th at 11 a.m. at Amersham Cremation on Friday, January 25th at 11 a.m. at Amersham Cremation on Friday, January 25th at 11 a.m. at Amersham Cremation on Friday, January 25th at 11 a.m. at Amersham Cremation on Friday, January 25th at 11 a.m. at Amersham Cremation on Friday, January 25th at 12 a.m. Phillips.—On January 17th, 1980, pacefully in London, Frank Phillips. B8C amounter, Ioured father of Eden & Jonathan Funeral service at Putney Vale January 25th at 11.30 p.m., Colder's Green, Maidenboad Confirey, and Michael, Funeral, January 24th, at 1.30 p.m., Colder's Green Jewish Cametery, Hoop Lane, Nw. 11.
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1 Slave can ball out in tem- 7 Releases holder of one of 5 Take officer to the river 8 He set up a German king of

7).

9 About eight pints? Magnificent! (5).

10 State term (9).

11 Using maxims, like Swiss bankers? (6).

12 Make me swallow one tiny dose for this complaint (8).

14 Reflects on sources of Inspiration (5).

15 Roundabout Vesuvius's peak many fools may fall into them (9).

18 Mum's mad to get up and do abstract work (9).

20 Some harness this sort of element (5).

21 Sort of crates in which we find tea (8).

22 Coming late in the very (6).

23 Turf attractions coming up (5).

24 Coming late in the very (6).

25 Tell me where is fancy (4).

26 Coming late in the very (6).

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25 He lowers value of French farm vehicle (9).
27 Coll of string (5).
28 Sweet way with uncouth beginner (7).
29 A B and C are disratched. Next? Can't agree (7).

DOWN

1 Entertainments such as old maid provides (4-5).
2 Divisions of Rome—others Eritish and foreign (7).
3 Main area citable as being different (6, 3).
4 Cuddle cheek (4).
5 Creatures with more understanding than most? (10).

6 Monastic poet? (5). 9 About eight pints? Magnificent! (5).

13 But it's intentionally included in the score (10).

ANGUS, ROSAMUND (nee Willis), died 3 January, 1979, in fondest memory on lith, her birthday. \$11.BERSTON LEGYIS, F.Z.S.—Lev-ing memorics of min darling father.—Gertrude Shilling.

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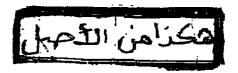
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